

Post-fire small-scale erosion control series

Fact Sheet 5 – Safety responsibilities and legislation

Safety responsibilities

Installing small-scale erosion control structures and undertaking other post-fire activities brings with them hazards and risks that are the responsibility of the land manager to identify and address or mitigate.

Examples of hazards include steep or uneven ground, working in or near water, operating farm machinery, risk of falling trees and manual handling.

Figure 1: Personal protective equipment should be worn when accessing burnt areas and working outdoors.



The place to find information on NSW health and safety legal responsibilities and resources is the SafeWork NSW website.

The agricultural sector has been identified as a priority area of focus within the SafeWork NSW Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022. A key resource is the 'A-Z Farm Safety Guide'.

Local Land Services may be able to provide example Safe Work Method Statements and other advice to support landholder safe work practices.

Legislation

Rules and regulations that may apply include, but are not limited to:

- authorization for clearing native vegetation (see *Factsheet 3 Managing native vegetation link*)
- training in pesticide and herbicide use
- controlled activity approval for working in and near a waterway.

Dial Before You Dig assessments should be made before any excavation to identify the approximate location of infrastructure assets to be avoided.

If you would like clarification about what rules and regulations may apply to your proposed works, please contact your Local Land Services office.

More information

[SafeWork NSW "A-Z Farm Safety Guide"](#)

[Compulsory pesticides training](#)

[Dial before you dig](#)

[Controlled Activities](#)

Contact LLS if you need assistance to access these links.

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