



Reporting a Farm Fire

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General Information

Fires can happen anywhere and anytime. You may find yourself working alone in a field when a fire starts. What are you supposed to do?

Prevention is Key

- Maintaining equipment and keeping it clean can prevent fires.
- Keep fire extinguishers on equipment and ensure they are inspected monthly and accessible.



Reporting a Fire

- The first step to reporting a fire starts before any work begins.
 - Know the address to the farm/field you are working in.
 - Make sure someone else knows where you are and approximately how long you'll be there.
- If there is a fire, get yourself in a safe location upwind.
- Call 911.
- Be prepared to give them the 911 address to the farm or field.
 - Ex. 1234 U Ave. Boone, IA
 - Do not rely on cell phone location or giving them directions.
- Notify your supervisor and any others working nearby.
 - Notify them if there is other property or land in the fire's path.
- If it is safe, use the fire extinguisher to put out or contain the fire.
- If it is safe, move or unhook equipment to protect it from being destroyed.
 - DO NOT RISK PERSONAL SAFETY TO SAVE EQUIPMENT
- Place yourself in a location to better direct Emergency Responders to the fire.
 - For example, stand at the gate or field entrance closest to the fire.

Discussion Date:

Supervisor:

Participants:

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