

Fires in the open are **UNAUTHORISED IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES**

- YOU CANNOT BURN ANYTHING IN THE OPEN UNLESS A RESOURCE CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.
- BONFIRES AND FIRES IN DRUMS ARE UNAUTHORISED.
- SPECIFIED ITEMS CAN BE BURNT IN AN ENCLOSED INCINERATION DEVICE WITH A CHIMNEY, PROVIDING CERTAIN STANDARDS ARE MET.

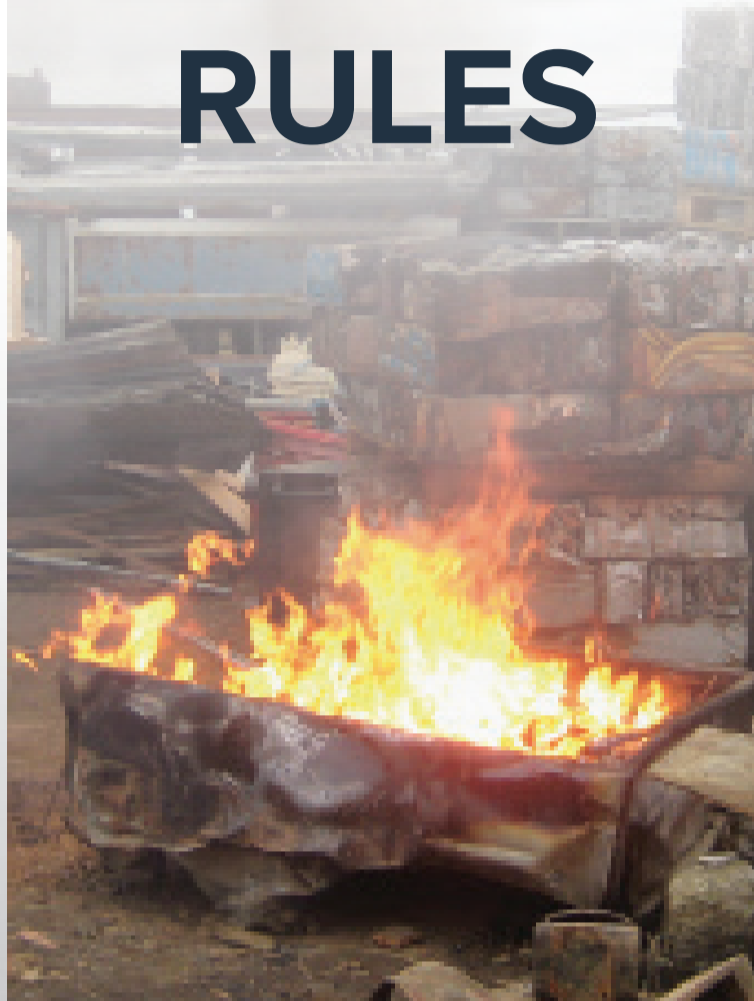
Penalties!

- You are liable for fires lit on your property or at your business.
- If your employer directs you to light an unauthorised fire you **are still** liable.

PENALTIES INCLUDE:

- Infringement notice requiring the payment of a \$1,000 fine.
- Abatement notice or enforcement order.
- Prosecution resulting in a fine of up to \$300,000 or up to two years in prison, plus a criminal record.

INDUSTRIAL BURNING RULES



Business and property owners should inform staff and tenants that OUTDOOR OR OPEN FIRES ARE UNAUTHORISED

Rubbish Disposal Options

THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE ... E.G.

- Landfill - ensure adequate rubbish bins or skips are on site.
- Recycle when appropriate.
- Commercial compost.

About Smoke

SMOKE RELEASES DIOXINS, OTHER TOXINS AND SMALL PARTICLES (PM₁₀) INTO THE AIR

- Dioxins are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system and also cause cancer.
- Burning green vegetation creates excessive smoke and releases harmful gases into the atmosphere.
- Exposure to excessive amounts of PM₁₀ can lead to serious health problems, such as respiratory problems and heart disease, particularly in the young and elderly and in those with pre existing medical conditions.
- Smoke can be a nuisance if it crosses the property boundary and can be a traffic hazard if blown across a road.
- There is a risk of explosions due to the types of chemicals typical in industrial areas.
- Smokey air is unpleasant to breathe.



Council runs a 24/7 complaints response service for unauthorised fires

For more information please contact Council on: 520 7400

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