

FIRE AND WELDING GUIDELINES DURING EMERGENCY

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited.
2. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, fireworks, campfires, open pit, cooking fires, propane torches, discarded cigarettes, or other flammable materials used in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a wildfire.
3. Welding is allowed under the following guidelines **ONLY**.
 - a. A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.
 - b. A perimeter around the welding area shall be a minimum of **25** feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be three times the height of the actual welding. Example: if the welding is occurring ten feet off the ground, a perimeter of thirty (30) feet must be protected.
 - c. A minimum of 100 gallons of water must be available on site.
 - d. A minimum of one (1) water pressure fire extinguisher per spotter is required.
 - e. If the perimeter cannot be cleared of vegetation, proper precautionary measures must be taken (Example: protecting brush, etc., by utilizing fire resistant fire tarps.)
 - f. Welding in an enclosed area or underground is acceptable.
 - g. No welding is permitted if winds are **20** mph or greater.
 - h. Welder or Company conducting welding operations must, prior to activities, file with the Carson County Sheriff's office proof of liability insurance or be bonded in amount of at least \$300,000.00.
 - i. Prior to ANY welding activity a phone call shall be placed by the welder of company conducting welding operations to the Carson County Sheriff's department (806-537-3511) relaying the location of the project, cell phone for contact person, name of party responsible, and name of welder.
4. Welding in previously burned or cultivated land that is free of combustible material for a radius of 100 feet is exempt from 3(a) and (3)c above.
5. Outdoor grilling in containers designed for such purpose is permitted as long as reasonable precautions are taken including but not limited to winds not excessive, water supply readily available, etc.
6. Branding using a propane/butane heating source is permitted as long as reasonable precautions are taken including but not limited to: area free of combustible materials, water supply available, no irons or torches on the ground, winds not excessive, fire extinguisher available.