

Fire Management

during the dry & windy season

This is the season to be jolly.... Sorry wrong season; although we all wish for this jolly season, the current season is dry and windy. The season Mabalingwe fears the most.

Due to the extremely dry and windy conditions, where a high fire index is a norm, the Mabalingwe fire team is constantly looking out for any smoke, not just on Mabalingwe itself but also in the area surrounding Mabalingwe. The Working on Fire team situated on Mabalingwe is also on standby daily, ready for any fires.

Thus we ask the following and ask that this be relayed to guests and workers.

- **No open fires are allowed**
As a rule, no open fires are allowed on Mabalingwe. This means no burning of garden refuse or making fires in the bush (picnic).
- **Only make fires in a designated area**
All fires ("braai") must be made only in the built/set aside area for this purpose.
- **Never leave a bonfire/braai unattended**
Leaving a braai and bonfire unattended with the unpredictable wind can be very dangerous as embers can be blown into the veld and, worse, onto a thatch roof. Keep bonfires small. If the wind is too strong, rather not make a bonfire.
- **Make sure bonfires/braais are extinguished**
Please make sure of this once finished and before leaving the designated area. This can be done by using water to extinguish the coals properly.
- **Do not throw hot coals into the veld or dustbins**
Throwing hot coals or semi-hot coals in the veld or refuse collections points is not allowed. An old steel drum with a lid can be used to keep hot coals or ashes safe until cooled down completely and can be disposed of safely.
- **Don't throw cigarette butts into the veld or out of a car window**
Keep cigarette butts in a portable ashtray in the vehicle until they can be disposed of safely.

- **Fireworks are not allowed on Mabalingwe**
This causes a severe fire hazard, both to the veld and houses.
- **Grind in a safe area**
If a grinder needs to be used, please select an area that is safe and away from the veld and house. Sparks/shavings can cause a fire.

REPORTING A FIRE MUST BE DONE AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE

1
Contact the
MCPA
Control Room

2
Give the position
or location of
the fire or smoke

3
Give the
approximate
size of the fire

4
Report any
injuries or
trapped persons.

CONTROL ROOM CONTACT NUMBERS

014 001 7240

082 546 9052

083 272 4851

Access Control Update

We are happy to announce that the Mabalingwe Owners' Exit Gate is in complete working condition.

If you have already registered for the Owners' Entrance Gate, your vehicles are also automatically loaded on the Exit gate.

The next phase of the Access Control project will be upgrading the guest entrance system.