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# SAFETY ALERT

## Equipment Fire - Excavator

### Description of the Event:

An excavator was widening an existing fireguard when an ember, from a fire 9.1 m away, flew into the air intake. The operator turned off the excavator and exited the machine once they noticed it was on fire.

### Contributing Factors:

- A fire was close to the work area
- Wind blowing embers from a fire
- Operator may not have had fire suppression and safety knowledge



### Suggested Actions:

- Assess worksite and plan multiple escape routes when working near fires as fire behaviour is unpredictable
- Ensure workers expected to work around wildfires take a Basic Fire Suppression and Safety course
- Ensure equipment has fire suppression equipment/extinguisher in good working order and available.
- Monitor the weather and adjust worksites as required



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