



# Fact Sheet

## Vehicle Fire Safety

Follow these simple steps if your vehicle catches fire –

1. Turn off ignition, place the vehicle in park or first gear and engage handbrake.
2. Evacuate the vehicle, shut the doors and keep the area clear for a safe distance.
3. Ensure the Fire and Rescue Service is called.
4. If it is SAFE and you are confident then –
  - a. if extinguisher available, attempt to extinguish fire with extreme caution;
  - b. if the fire is under the bonnet, release the bonnet catch only. Do not lift the bonnet as a rush of air could cause the fire to flare up resulting in serious burns;
  - c. if the fire is in the cabin of the vehicle then discharge the content of an extinguisher into the cabin directly onto the fire and close the door;
  - d. if your vehicle is LPG powered familiarise yourself with the location of the main supply valve. In the event of a vehicle fire, turn off the main supply valve.
5. IMPORTANT – Smoke from burning plastics contains many toxic substances. Avoid breathing smoke at all costs.
6. When the fire has been extinguished –
  - a. remove battery leads from terminals if it is safe to do so;
  - b. do not drive your vehicle until it has been checked by an auto electrician or qualified mechanic.

NTFRS recommends the purchase of a 1A 5B(E) dry powder portable fire extinguisher, installed in an easily accessible location.

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