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## BEWARE OF VELD FIRES



Veld fires are blazes that can get out of control and become wild in an instant. It destroys extensive tracks of forests, grasslands, animals, people and their properties.

Veld fires are often caused by human ignitions, resulting from reckless disposal of lit cigarette stubs, the deliberate lighting of a fire, children playing with fires and improper household ash disposal.

These fires sometimes lead to severe environmental degradation and in the process of burning, large volumes of greenhouse gases are released into the atmosphere, thus contributing to climate change. These fires also destroy plantations, crops and pastures.

Food security may also be compromised and in the past few years fires destroyed wheat farms, maize fields and even livestock.

Every person or institution has a role to play in the fight against veld fires and it is everyone's duty to prevent veld fires, the destruction of the environment, as well as the loss of life and property.

Report all fires to the Msukaligwa Local Fire Service at 017 – 801 3400.

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