

Fire Safety Policy

Drol Kar Buddhist Centre is situated on the edge of a fire prone area. The Centre operates during the summer months when there is a risk of fire activity in the locality.

The following fire plan has been developed with the utmost consideration for the safety of patrons, visitors and residents of the Centre.

The underlying principles are:

- *During the summer months, Drol Kar members, patrons and visitors will be made aware of the Centre's fire safety policy and fire plans through notices placed on the Centre notice boards, in the summer newsletters and on the Drol Kar Buddhist Centre website.*
- *The Centre management will endeavour to ensure that on Total Fire Ban Days patrons or visitors are deterred from coming to the property by the cancellation of any classes , notice being given on the Drol Kar website, and the placement of closure notices on all entrances.*
- *If a fire event arises unexpectedly when there are patrons or visitors present, the property will be evacuated as quickly as possible, with advice provided regarding the most suitable evacuation routes.*
- *If a fire event arises unexpectedly when there are patrons or visitors present, and evacuation is deemed inadvisable based on an assessment of available information, then the fire survival plan will be enacted, and every effort will be made to ensure the safety of anyone who chooses to remain on the property.*
- *It is the responsibility of the residents and the Committee of Management to prepare the property and equipment for the fire season.*
- *It is the responsibility of Drol Kar committee and program facilitators, who are onsite, to act as fire wardens and to manage any situation that arises with regard to threats to the safety of patrons from fire.*

Drol Kar Buddhist Centre operates under the following **Fire Safety Policy** during the summer months.

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*In the interests of the safety and well-being of all our members and patrons, Drol Kar Buddhist Centre will be **CLOSED** to all visitors on days when a **TOTAL FIRE BAN** has been declared in the Central District, which encompasses the Surf Coast area.*