

In the event of a wild fire emergency in the vicinity of the West Melton Airfield, people safety is of the utmost importance. If the airfield is at serious risk of being caught in a fire, there are a number of response options available to all staff, students and Club members.

Before evacuating the airfield, please ensure that all available sprinklers have been turned on. If the opportunity arises, and you are qualified to do so, aircraft may be flown from West Melton to Christchurch. In the event that an evacuation on the ground is required, there are three main exits from the airfield that can be utilised:

- The main entrance gate
- Exit gate to the north of the main entrance gate
- Exit gate to the south of the main entrance gate

The two secondary exit gates are locked with a combination padlock. The code to the padlocks is !!!!.

If evacuation by vehicle is not possible, please exit on foot by the most appropriate means.

In all cases, you should ensure that you are moving away from the fire and not into the path of the fire.



The West Melton Committee is responsible for ensuring that the facilities are regularly maintained to reduce the risk of damage by fire. This maintenance will include:

- Reducing any fire fuel around the Club house, hangar and driveway/operations area fence line by removing any excess plant foliage, and maintaining healthy grass areas.
- Ensuring the area around the refuelling station and start up areas are maintained with regular irrigation and mowing.

- Ensuring that all guttering on the Club house and hangar buildings are regularly cleared to remove any fire fuel.
- Ensuring that the area between the hangar and the roadside is maintained.