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## Control measure

**Team lookouts (safety officers)**



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<p>Responsibilities of a team lookout</p>	<p>Understand how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that all personnel are fully briefed on the situation, their task and the implementation of the LACES safety protocol</li> <li>• Ensure all team members operate within the LACES safety protocol at all times</li> <li>• Monitor personnel and ensure safe working distances are maintained between personnel using hand tools and equipment, and between personnel and vehicles</li> <li>• Establish and maintain communications with tactical lookouts and other personnel as appropriate</li> <li>• Communicate relevant information to the team, other teams and with other personnel within the command structure</li> <li>• Plan, evaluate and monitor escape routes and safety zones and communicate any changes to the team and other members of the incident command structure</li> <li>• Monitor and communicate any observed or predicted changes in wildfire behaviour and firespread to the team, the incident commander and other personnel as appropriate</li> <li>• Monitor and report any observed or predicted extreme wildfire behaviour to the team, incident commander, tactical lookouts and other personnel as appropriate</li> <li>• Monitor and report the location of members of the public, vehicles and aircraft not involved in firefighting operations to the incident commander and other personnel as appropriate</li> <li>• Initiate and monitor the withdrawal of personnel from areas that become too hazardous</li> </ul>
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