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### FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga will be cautioning the communities of Nkomazi and the surroundings how to handle fire with precaution during the winter season.

MEC for COGTA, Ms. Busi Shiba says fires must be handled with caution to avoid the potential loss of lives, injuries and damage to property. "During this time, the use of household apparatus that are ignited with fire in areas prone to cold weather is on a peak during this period. Apart from normal household chores, it is also used as an important component to keep them warm. We urge communities to ensure that all fire facilities are switched off after use to prevent potential human and property hazards," she explained.

According to Ms. Shiba, preventing fire outbreaks is the responsibility of all communities. She advised smokers to refrain from throwing burning cigarette buds. "Those who discard cigarette buds without butting them off are breaking the law. Such a practice is a blatant violation of the fire prevention legislation". She urged communities to adhere to the following:

- The fire management regulations when burning fire breakers in the farms.
- Butt cigarettes after smoking.
- Mark properties for easy access by the Fire Services in case of emergencies.

The Department in partnership with **Working on Fire, Eskom, Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Nkomazi Local Municipality, Fire Forestry and MTPA, will be in attendance.**

**VENUE : MATSAMO PLAZA (NKOMAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY)**

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