



# WILDFIRE SAFETY

Wildfires are some of the most destructive forces of nature. While there isn't much to deter wildfire's path, you can help keep yourself and others safe.

## Create an emergency escape plan

Know your community's evacuation plans and find several ways to leave the area. Smoke can quickly change direction/density so an alternate route may be necessary. Identify downhill routes if possible as fire moves faster uphill due to updrafts. Prior to evacuating, share your plan/routes with family and friends (and check in when you reach safety).

## Prepare to evacuate

Put an emergency kit and must-have items in your vehicle so you can evacuate quickly. Listen to emergency channels to know the status of the fire and road conditions. Be ready to evacuate immediately, if told to do so.

## Evacuate safely

Remain calm, roll up your windows and close the air vents. The smoke from the fire can get into the car, irritate your eyes and cause breathing problems.

## Drive cautiously

Drive calmly, defensively and with caution. Remain three vehicle lengths behind the vehicle in front of you to allow time to brake. Turn your headlights on and avoid driving through the fire or smoke since visibility is impaired.

## Return only when it is safe

Do not go back to your home until officials declare it safe to do so. Stay alert and watch for ash pits and hot spots once you return.