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CDC's website is being modified to comply with President Trump's Executive Orders.

Wildfires and Your Safety

AT A GLANCE

- Take steps to be ready for a wildfire and prepare your home and landscaping to reduce your risk.
- Learn how to protect yourself and your family from a wildfire, evacuate safely during a wildfire, and how to stay healthy when you return home.

Who is at increased risk



Wildfire smoke can make anyone sick, but some people have a higher risk of getting sick.

Wildfire smoke can reach far away from where fires burn. Wildfire smoke can make anyone sick, but some people have a higher risk of getting sick, such as [children](#), people who have [chronic conditions](#), and people who are [pregnant](#). Be ready to protect yourself against smoke and ash before, during, and after a wildfire.

[How Wildfire Smoke Affects Your Body](#)

[Wildfire Smoke and Children](#)

[Wildfire Smoke and People with Chronic Conditions](#)

[Wildfire Smoke and Pregnancy](#)

Prepare for wildfires



Take steps to be ready for a wildfire and prepare your home and landscaping to reduce your risk from a wildfire.

More and more people make their homes in areas that are prone to wildfires. You can take steps to be ready for a wildfire and prepare your home and landscaping to reduce your risk from a wildfire.

Keep Reading:

[Preparing for Wildfires](#)

Stay safe during a wildfire



Reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke.

It's important for everyone to [reduce their exposure to smoke](#). [Wildfire smoke](#) irritates your eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. It can make it hard to breathe and make you cough or wheeze. [Children](#) and people with [asthma](#), [COPD](#), heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, or who are [pregnant](#) need to be especially careful about breathing wildfire smoke.

Keep Reading:

[Safety Guidelines: Wildfires and Wildfire Smoke](#)

Stay safe after a wildfire



Take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones when returning to your home after a fire.

If your home was affected by a wildfire, do not return home until authorities say it is safe. Take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones when returning to your home after a fire.

Keep Reading:

[Safety Guidelines: After a Wildfire](#)

Resources

- [Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#)
- [Fighting Wildfires | NIOSH | CDC](#)
- [Prepare For Fire Season \(airnow.gov\)](#)  
- [Wildfires | Ready.gov](#) 
- [NFPA - Firewise USA®](#) 
- [Fire Weather](#) 
- [Fire and Smoke Map \(airnow.gov\)](#) 
- [HeatRisk | Tracking | NCEH | CDC](#)

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