



## HOW CAN YOU BE READY?

### Defensible Space:

Making a safety zone around your business can help protect your people and your property.

- Use low growth/low combustion plants near your building
- Create fire breaks around your property

### Make A Plan:

Having an evacuation plan in place before a wildfire occurs can help avoid confusion and prevent injuries. A thorough evacuation plan should include:

- Map with multiple evacuation routes
- Conditions that will activate the plan
- Chain of command
- Emergency functions and who will perform them
- Specific evacuation procedures, including routes and exits
- Procedures for accounting for personnel, customers and visitors
- Equipment for personnel
- Process to review the plan with your workers

### DID YOU KNOW?

In order to be OSHA compliant, some businesses are required to have an Emergency Action Plan.



## WHAT DO YOU DO DURING A WILDFIRE SITUATION?

### Basic Safety Tips

If you see a wildfire and haven't received evacuation orders yet, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called.

When ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do it immediately –make sure and tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived.

Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

If you or someone you are with has been burned, call 9-1-1 or seek help immediately; cool and cover burns to reduce chance of further injury or infection.

### Fire Weather Watch

A fire weather watch means that dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12 to 72 hours. During this time, stay informed about the latest weather updates and emergency instructions. Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the route to take and pre-arrange where you will go. Check in with your friends and family. Keep your car fueled, in good condition and stocked with emergency supplies and a change of clothes.

## What Do You Do After A Fire?

When cleaning up after a fire, remember that there are new and unusual dangers created by a fire, including electrical, structural, flooding and air quality issues.

## Returning To Your Business

Return only when authorities say it is safe. For several hours after the fire, maintain a “fire watch.” Check and re-check for smoke, sparks or hidden embers throughout the building—including the roof and the attic. Use caution when entering burned areas, as hazards may still exist—including hot spots, which can flare up without warning. Evacuate immediately if you smell smoke.

## Contact Your Property Insurance Agent

Contact your property insurance agent right away. Ask them what to do about the immediate needs of your business. This includes pumping out water and covering doors, windows and other openings. Ask your insurance agent what they want you to do first. Make a list of everything that was damaged by the fire, describe these in detail and say how much you paid for the items.

### Resources:

- [osha.gov/wildfires](https://www.osha.gov/wildfires)
- [ready.gov/wildfires](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires)
- [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/)
- [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)
- [osha.gov/etools/evacuation-plans-procedures](https://www.osha.gov/etools/evacuation-plans-procedures)

### Other Organizations That Might Help:

- American Red Cross
- State and Federal public health departments
- State or Municipal emergency services offices

