

FIRE

Wildfires are growing in frequency and strength across the world and simultaneously urban living is increasingly prone to fire outbreaks caused by electrical circuit failures. Here are some tips for before, during, and after fires to help keep you prepared and safe.



1 PREPARE

- Set a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact in case of an emergency.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year and ensure everyone knows how to call 999 in case of an emergency.
- Ensure your important personal documents are stored in a safe place and easily accessible in case of evacuation.
- Install the right number of smoke alarms and teach your family what to do when they hear one. Test the alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Ensure that all household members know at least two ways to escape from every room of your home and that everyone knows the family meeting spot outside of your home.

2 DURING

- Be on alert for evacuation instructions from your local law and fire officials.
- Close all doors and windows inside your home.
- Practice stop, drop and roll with your household members if their clothes should catch on fire.
- Always stay together with your family and pets and keep your disaster safety kit on hand.
- Stay calm and get out: drive at regular speeds and monitor any road closures.

3 AFTER

- In case of evacuation, do not return home unless it's deemed safe. Wear the right clothing and shoes and wet any debris to avoid breathing harmful dust particles.
 - Stay alert: maintain a "fire watch" and check your home and surrounding areas for small lingering fires or embers.
 - Avoid contaminated water and dispose of any exposed food items.
 - Record any damages for your personal records.
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