



5-minute safety talk

What Are **Wildfires**?

Wildfires result from wind and dry underbrush conditions. People start about 90% of wildfires, usually inadvertently by not acting responsibly with smoking materials or camp fires. The other 10% are created by nature such as when lightning strikes.

Wildfires move at very high speeds and consume everything in their path, making them extremely dangerous.

What Is a **Red Flag Warning**?

With a red flag warning, severe fire weather is predicted as likely to occur.

GENERAL SAFETY STEPS

- If you suspect or observe a wildfire, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Prepare to evacuate if needed.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel about staying out of the path of the wildfire and the best route for evacuating.

WHEN YOU EVACUATE THE AREA

- While moving quickly, take only critical personal items such as cell phones, IDs, keys, coats and medications.
- Leave immediately and try to remain calm.
- Walk to the nearest exit. Never use elevators, only stairs.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel and supervisors.

WHEN YOU DON'T EVACUATE THE AREA

- Protect yourself from smoke by regularly checking air quality reports and staying inside with windows and doors closed.
- Call 9-1-1 to let them know of your location and situation.
- Shut doors, windows and vents. Move anything flammable away from the doors and windows.
- Turn on your lights to be visible and keep to the center of the building, away from the outside walls and windows.

Visit [nsc.org/members](https://www.nsc.org/members)
for more safety tips

