



# Teaching Wildfire Safety

Preparing children for the unexpected is an important way to keep the whole family safe and in the know. Check out these child-friendly answers to common questions about wildfire.

## What is a wildfire?

A wildfire is a fire that starts outside—in any place that has trees, grass, bushes, or plants—and can spread to other places.

**How do wildfires start?** Wildfires start because of lightning or because people make mistakes like not putting out a campfire.

**Why are wildfires dangerous?** Wildfires can get dangerous if they spread to places where people live, like homes or buildings. Wildfires also make smoke that isn't good for people to breathe.

**Where do wildfires happen?** Wildfires start outside and can grow bigger, sometimes spreading to where people live. That's why it's important for everyone, no matter where they live, to learn how to stay safe!

## How do we stay safe?

Remember the 3 Ps! When we work together to **PREVENT**, **PREPARE** for, and **PROTECT** ourselves from wildfires, we help keep each other safe.

Your job is to use your listening superpowers. The grown-ups and special helpers (like firefighters!) around you will help you stay safe.

**Will a wildfire happen where we live?** We can't always know where and when a wildfire might start or spread. That's why we plan! If a wildfire happens near where you live, you might have to leave to stay safe. If smoke from a wildfire travels to your home, you might have to stay inside or wear a mask.

**Who stops a wildfire?** Firefighters help everyone stay safe from fires. There is a kind of firefighter who has special training just for wildfires. They are called wildland firefighters.

**I feel scared.** It's okay to be scared, that's why we're prepared! There are special helpers and grown-ups who know what to do. When we prepare together, we can stay safe together.



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