



### Scenario Three: Wildfire

A key element to successfully responding to and recovering from a major disaster is the overall preparedness of individual citizens and their families. With that in mind, we invite you to participate in a series of ‘What would you do?’ scenarios with your loved ones to assess your level of preparedness. These tabletop activities are intended to be low-stress conversation starters to be discussed, as the name implies, around your dinner table. We do not want to know your results. Following the situation, we have included some discussion questions for the activity, as well as some helpful links to enhance your individual preparedness.

**Scenario:** You are relaxing on a beautiful Saturday morning. The wind is blowing, but the temperature is mild and pleasant. You step outside to enjoy the sun, but a faint odor catches your attention – smoke. At first, you think it is a neighbor burning a fire in an outdoor fire pit. However, a haze begins to build over the area and you realize that it is a large fire in a nearby wooded area. The fire appears to be growing quickly, feeding off the vegetation and being carried towards your home by the wind.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you know what the wildfire threat is for the area you live in? Do you know how to tell when the threat for a wildfire is elevated?
2. What steps have you taken to reduce the potential for a wildfire impacting your home? Discuss other steps your family can take to reduce the potential for fire.
3. What actions should you take to reduce the possibility of causing a wildfire?
4. What actions should you take if your home is threatened by a fire?
5. How will you be alerted if you need to evacuate?
6. Does anyone in your family have any special needs (medical, emotional, or physical needs) that might present challenges if you must stay at a shelter? If so, have you prepared a special plan for them?
7. Do you know your evacuation route? Do you have a plan to stay with family or friends if you need to evacuate your home?
8. Wildfires can travel quickly. Do you know what you should have ready in case you have to evacuate?
9. What are recommended steps to take after a wildfire? What materials would it be useful to have on hand in case you are affected by wildfire?

### Time to see how you did!

To learn more about this scenario and to check your plan, go to <https://community.fema.gov/take-action/hazards>. With your loved ones, discuss what steps you think that you should take to improve your safety in the event such a tragedy occurs.

### Helpful Links

To learn more about wildfire preparedness, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>