



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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