

MORE INFORMATION

Check the daily wildfire risk at www.ipma.pt (National Meteorological Authority).

In exceptional circumstances, an SMS is sent by the National Civil Protection to notify people in areas of very high or extreme risk of wildfires

This SMS is sent to both local and foreign phone users.

TO REPORT
A FIRE OR IN
CASE OF
EMERGENCY CALL
112
IMMEDIATELY

TRANSLATION: SAFE COMMUNITIES PORTUGAL

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PORTUGAL CHAMA: **SAFE HOLIDAYS**

PREVENT AND PROTECT
YOURSELF FROM WILDFIRES

Whether you are staying in, or visiting, rural areas in Portugal, make sure you are prepared



**SAFE VILLAGE
SAFE PEOPLE**



IF YOU TRAVEL BY CARAVAN OR MOTOR HOME



- Carry a first aid kit and fire extinguisher
- Fix smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check gas pipes and seals regularly
- Setup camp only in designated places

IF YOU ARE CAMPING IN RURAL AREAS



- Choose only designated camp sites
- Familiarize and follow the site regulations concerning safety measures

IF YOU ARE UNDERTAKING OFF-ROAD ACTIVITIES



- Check weather conditions and wildfire risk
- Check with organizers regarding safety measures

IF YOU ARE NEAR A WILDFIRE



- Immediately call **112**
- If you are not in danger and have suitable clothing try to extinguish small outbreaks with shovels, hoes or branches
- Avoid exposure to smoke, cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth
- Protect the body from flames and heat with dry and long clothing
- Do not impair the actions of firefighters, forest firefighters and other rescue forces and follow their instructions
- Remove your vehicle from the access routes to the fire
- Inform the authorities if you notice the presence of anyone acting suspiciously

IF YOU GET SURROUNDED BY A FIRE



- Make your way to a shelter or collective refuge. If you are not near one, look for a preferably flat area with water or little vegetation
- Breathe close to the ground, if possible with a wet cloth, to avoid inhaling smoke
- Cover your head and the rest of your body
- Use a damp cloth to protect your face from heat and smoke

COMMUNICATE YOUR SITUATION TO THE AUTHORITIES THROUGH 112

RESTRICTIONS



From **1 July** to **30 September**, or outside this period whenever the wildfire risk is “very high” or “extreme”, the following restrictions apply:

- BBQ and grills are prohibited in all rural areas except in places duly authorised for the purpose
- Smoking and all types of naked flames are prohibited in woodland and forests
- Balloons with a lit fuse and rockets are prohibited
- Fireworks are only permitted subject to authorisation from the Municipal Council
- Accessing, circulating or staying by people and vehicles, shall be subject to conditions in the following areas:
- Areas classified as “critical zones”
- Areas subject to forest control and areas under State Management
- Areas where there are signs indicating the limitation of activities

AVOID DISCARDING GLASS BOTTLES, GAS CONTAINERS AND OTHER DEBRIS WHICH MAY START A FIRE