



Forest Fire Protection

If you are affected by a forest fire the ANPC National Civil Protection Authority advises that the following steps should be followed

- If you are surprised by the start of a forest fire contact the Firefighters, Security Forces (GNR or PSP) immediately using the number 112;
- Turn on your battery radio for up-to-date information on the emergency situation;
- Take care of the protection of your home, in case the fire develops nearby;
- Remove flammable curtains and close all blinds or covers of non-combustible windows to try to prevent the spread of the fire into the house;
- Close all windows and doors to avoid suctioning;
- Close all gas valves and water deposits with water;
- Turn on a light in all rooms for visibility in case of smoke;
- Put objects that are not damaged by water inside swimming pools or tanks;
- Remove combustible materials from the interior and surroundings of your home;
- Immerse the walls and the whole area around the house with water;
- Swimming pools or tanks are potentially safer areas;
- Remove your vehicle from the access routes to the fire;
- If you are near the fire and do not run the risk, try to extinguish it with shovels, hoes or branches, always trying not to disrupt the action of the firemen and follow their instructions;
- If you notice the presence of people at risk, inform the authorities;
- If the authorities advise you to evacuate, obey quickly but calmly;
- If the fire approaches your home, or by order of the authorities, be prepared to evacuate all members of your family, paying special attention to children, the elderly and the disabled. If it is not possible to safeguard your animals in a timely manner, release them, they treat themselves;
- Do not waste time collecting unnecessary personal items;
- Do not go back for any reason.

During a Fire

If you get caught in a fire

- Try not to panic
Exit in the opposite direction of the wind;
- Identify a zone with water in which you can defend yourself against high temperatures, and move away from areas with lots of vegetation;

- Cover your head and upper body with wet clothing;
- Breathe air to the floor with wet clothing to avoid smoke inhalation;
- If there is no water nearby, look for a shelter in an open area or in a rock outcrop.
- Keep lying down and IF POSSIBLE cover yourself with the soil of your soil;
- In case of burns, use cold water. Never use fats;
- If you cannot leave by yourself, wait for the authorities to arrive.

After a Fire

- Be careful when you return to a recently burned area, there may be some relapses. Check for combustion zones in your home or around them and extinguish them if they exist;
- If your home is evacuated, return only when the authorities advise you;
- Make sure your home is not at risk of collapsing. Be careful of exposed electrical wires and other hazards;
- Prevent children from playing at the scene of the fire following its extinction. Remember that there is the danger of re-ignition;
- If the competent authorities request assistance in the aftermath and surveillance, COLLABORATE!

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