**What is a controlled burn?**

- The use of fire to eliminate left-over materials from forestry operations, farming or gardening, such as pruned leaves and branches from vines and olive trees, among others, cut up and piled into a heap.

**How to carry out a controlled burn safely**

1. **Move the pile of left-over materials that you are going to burn away from grazing land, woods, scrubland and trees.**
2. **Make a vegetation-free firebreak around the things that you are going to burn.**
3. **Wet the firebreak before you start the burn.**
4. **Have a container with water or a hose alongside the site of the burn.**

In case of the DIAL 112

- You should follow the typical protocol of a call to the DIAL 112.

**How to put out a fire**

1. **Keep burning until all ashes are left.**
2. **Turn over the burnt remains to see if any small flames still persist.**
3. **Put the burnt site out with Water or by throwing earth on top of it.**
4. **Do not leave the site until you have checked that there is no smoke coming from the ashes.**

**How to do a controlled burn of heaped materials safely**

**National awareness-raising campaign**

Find out when you can do a controlled burn

1. **Call the fire brigade or the Municipal Civil Protection unit.**
2. **Check the fire risk index online at www.sispmu.pt or www.icnf.pt.**
3. **Register on the app available on the ICNF’s website and receive daily information about the fire risk in your municipality.**