

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 is 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
- Circulating or staying of people and vehicles are conditioned in the following areas:
 - Areas classified as “critical zones”
 - Areas subject to forest control and areas under State Management
 - Areas where there are notices indicating the limitation of activities

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

More information



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

In exceptional circumstances, when the risk of wildfires is very high or extreme in some regions, a SMS is sent by the National Civil Protection to notify people in these areas. This SMS is sent to both local and foreign registered phone users.

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

Safe Holidays

Prevent and Protect Yourself From Wildfires

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





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
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If you are camping in rural areas

- › Choose only designated camp sites
 - › Familiarize and follow the site regulations concerning safety measures
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If you are undertaking off-road activities

- › Check weather conditions and wildfire risk
 - › Check with organizers regarding safety measures
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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
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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 rest of your body
- › Use a damp cloth to protect your face from heat and smoke

**COMMUNICATE YOUR SITUATION
TO THE AUTHORITIES THROUGH 112**

