



**SARDEGNA**



**LET'S PROTECT OUR WOODS FROM WILDFIRES**

*For a Culture of Safety*


**BEHAVIOURAL NORMS AND SELFPROTECTION  
FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS**



## **BEHAVIOUR AND CAUTIONS IN CASE OF WILDFIRE**

The phenomenon of wildfires represents every year a serious threat for the whole environmental heritage of our region and for the safety of human life. For this reason, a specific attention is needed by everyone in order to take all the measures of safeguard and prevention able to avoid damages to the environment and people.


Information is extremely important to develop in the population the awareness necessary to the correct implementation of rules and behavior, and it represents one of the main objectives aimed at a concrete risk reduction policy, in as much as the lower the level of knowledge is, the more vulnerable the territorial system is, in relation to a specific event.





It is appropriate to be constantly well-informed about the fire danger forecasts, check the website SardegnaProtezioneCivile, in which you can daily read, in the specific section dedicated to “fire danger forecast” (Bollettini di previsione di pericolo di incendio), all the useful news, and always respect the instructions of the local authorities and the civil protection ones appointed for the alert system and the emergency management.

To prevent wildfires it is very often sufficient to respect some easy rules of behavior, especially during the summer period, in order to safeguard a common heritage such as the woodland one, and protect the safety of life.


***To avoid a wildfire, it is always important:***

- ✓ Not to use inopportunistly any type of firework.
  - ✓ If you smoke, do not throw cigarette butts or burning matches, even if you are in your car or near the sea.
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- ✓ To light a fire is dangerous and it is regulated by specific norms (see “Regional firefighting regulations in force” – Prescrizioni regionali antincendi vigenti).
  - ✓ The catalytic converter could easily burn dry grass.
  - ✓ If you are in a dangerous area for woodland wildfires, pay attention to the environment around you.
  - ✓ Respect all the norms and the preventative measures when you use work tools in the countryside.
  - ✓ Do not litter in the wood: pick up your waste and take it away.
  - ✓ In the areas which are more exposed to wildfires, around the dwellings and the buildings, clean the ground by invasive vegetation and by easily flammable wastes.
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*If there is a starting wildfire:*


- ✓ Try to extinguish it only if you are sure of an escape route, keeping the wind at your back and hitting the flames with a branch until smothering them.
  - ✓ Do not stay in the areas overhead the wildfire or in the range towards which the smoke is heading.
  - ✓ Do not cross the road invaded by smoke or by flames.
  - ✓ Do not park along the roads.
  - ✓ Do not queue behind the other cars and, if possible, go back.
  - ✓ Facilitate the intervention of the emergency services clearing the road and not blocking it with your own car.
  - ✓ Indicate to the firefighter team the accessible ways or paths.
  - ✓ Make water supply and other equipment available.
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*If you are threatened by wildfire:*

- ✓ Look for an escape route safe from flames, a road, a watercourse and seek refuge in an area free from fuel or already burnt.
  - ✓ If you are at the beach, gather together on the sandy shore and plunge into the shallow water: it is the safest area.
  - ✓ Do not try to recover cars, motorcycles, tents or any other object left inside.
  - ✓ Signal your presence.
  - ✓ Put gas tanks and flammable liquid jugs in a place safe from flames.
  - ✓ Do not abandon a dwelling if you are not sure whether an escape route is open or not.
  - ✓ Deactivate the electrical system from the general switch or the electricity indicator.
  - ✓ Seal doors and windows with adhesive paper and wet clothes.
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- ✓ Prepare containers full of water and wet clothes, and seek refuge in the most internal rooms of the dwelling, breathing through a damp cloth.
  - ✓ Do not hinder the extinguishing and assistance procedures.
  - ✓ Report the wildfire to the authorities in charge calling the number 1515 of the regional Forestry corps (C.F.V.A. Corpo forestale e di vigilanza ambientale), the 115 of the firefighters (Vigili del Fuoco), the 113 Polizia di Stato and 112 Carabinieri.

*The numbers are active 24-hours throughout the regional territory, they are completely free and reachable by every public and private landline, and by every mobile phone.*





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**Useful numbers – emergency numbers**

Forestry Corps 1515

Sanitary emergency 118

Firefighters 115

Carabinieri 112

Polizia di Stato 113

Guardia di Finanza 117