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The Heat is Coming, so are fires...

As you may have already noticed this summer, wildfires are already happening and they are happening constantly throughout the entire state of Alaska. The wildfire season in Alaska is typically (not limited to) late May to Late July. On average, 1,000,000 acres burn each year in Alaska. Last year, in comparison with the average, was relatively calm with 362 fires and 653,148 acres burned. But in 2015 (not too long ago), there were 768 fires resulting in 5,111,452.5 acres burned. One on those fires started in Blair Lakes. Blair

Lakes is about 20 miles south of Eielson. The smoke made its way to the base. They had to close down the gym because it was too full of smoke. The flames themselves could

be seen from the base. The bottom line is wildfires are happening all the time in Alaska and it's good to be ready for them any way you can.



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- Safety Tips
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Forest Fire Tips...

Before:

-If you have a camp fire, make sure to have a shovel or bucket of water just in case.

-Upkeep your yard (ex: clean your gutters, water your grass, prune your trees, remove trash from lawn).

-Make a plan for where to go and make a go-kit so you don't have to stop and collect your things!

-Review insurance coverage to make sure your property is covered.

-Refer to <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires> for helpful information!

During:

-Evacuate the area immediately.

-Wear a protective mask (N95)

-Stay tuned to the radio for current emergency information and instructions. You will be able to hear notifications on any station.

-If you are ordered to evacuate but smoky conditions exist, stay in a safe location or go someplace where smoke levels are lower.

-If you are trapped, call 911 right away. It might take them some time to reach you so keep that in mind. Make loud noises or signals of any kind to draw attention.



START PREPARING TODAY!

Take these three simple steps to prepare

1. Get a Kit

Assemble a collection of first aid supplies, food, water, medicines, and important papers that can sustain you and your family until the emergency passes.

2. Make a Plan

You and your family members may not be together when an emergency strikes. Planning ahead will improve your chances of keeping in touch, staying safe, and quickly reuniting.

3. Be Prepared

Anticipate emergencies most likely to affect you and your family. This guide will help you think through the basics of preparing yourself and your family for all hazards.