



# Protecting Our Forests from Wildfires:

## What You Can Do

British Columbia is experiencing unprecedented drought conditions and severe, explosive fire behaviour in our forests this summer.

There is an extreme risk of fires starting from human activity and vehicle travel.

Fires under these extreme conditions start and spread easily. They pose a significant risk to you and others.

**To help ensure the safety of the public, the Ministry of Forests requests that the recreating public curtail their travel in forested and backcountry areas to essential uses only.**

If you must travel in these areas, you are asked to use **EXTREME CAUTION:**

- **DO NOT** discard cigarettes or other burning material
- **DO NOT** start campfires
- **DO NOT** use fireworks
- **DO NOT** use chainsaws, ATVs or other internal combustible engines
- **DO NOT** park your vehicle near grass or flammable materials
- **DO** immediately report any smoke or fire that you see to 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your cellular phone
- **DO** report any suspicious activities that may threaten our forests to a forestry or public safety authority
- **DO** attempt to put out any fire but only if it is within your capability but **DO NOT** endanger your personal safety

Safety of the public and our forests depends on each one of us doing our part to prevent wildfires.

The Ministry of Forests would like to thank everyone for continuing to report wildfires.

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