

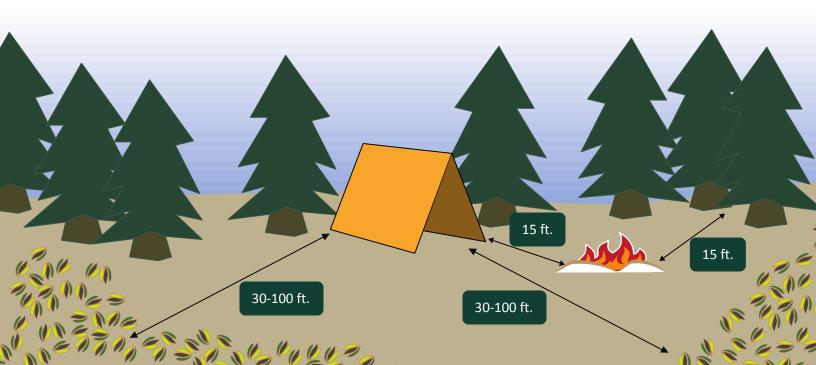
## NATURAL DISASTER SURVIVAL TIPS

How to stay safe during a wildfire when you live outdoors

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN A NATURAL DISASTER?

## PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN CAMPING

- Create a 30- to 100-foot safety zone around your sleeping area. Clear all flammable leaves, branches, and rubbish.
- Do not build a camp fire when it is very dry outside.
- If you build a camp fire, follow these tips:
  - Dig a pit that is at least 15 feet away from your tent, shrubs, and trees (beware of low-hanging branches overhead).
  - > Dig a one-foot-deep pit in the dirt. Circle the pit with rocks.
  - ➤ Clear away all flammable leaves, branches, and rubbish within 10 feet of the campfire pit.
  - ➤ When putting out the fire, wait for the wood to burn to ash, if possible, and then pour lots of water on the fire until the hissing sound stops. If you do not have water, use dirt.



## IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A WILDFIRE

If a road is nearby, lie face down along the road. Try to cover yourself with something to protect against the fire's heat. If in the backcountry, seek a depression without leaves or other flammable materials. Lie face down in the depression and cover yourself.

## **REMEMBER**

While lightning causes some wildfires, people are to blame for most wildfires.



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