

# MOBILE HOME Wildfire Safety

Mobile homes, more accurately called manufactured homes, are produced according to the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) safety standards. These unified national safety standards help make sure that manufactured homes are as safe as site-built homes.

When embers land on or near your home, they can ignite nearby vegetation, accumulated debris, or enter the structure through openings or vents. Homes can also ignite from direct flame contact or extreme heat. In most mobile home parks, homes are relatively close together, making them more vulnerable to the spread of fire. This makes the need for wildfire preparation and readiness critical.



During a wildfire, embers are the most common cause of ignition for both site-built and manufactured homes.

## Take Action in These Four Areas to Reduce Fire Risk

**Create defensible space around your home.** The first five feet around the home should be clear of all combustibles. Clear dead vegetation and foliage from within 30 feet from your home. Limb up trees and create space between plants.

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**Improve the fire resistance of your home exterior** by choosing the right exterior cladding. Fire-resistant siding can increase energy efficiency and improve curb-appeal. Harden attached decks and fences to resist embers. Use metal trash containers.

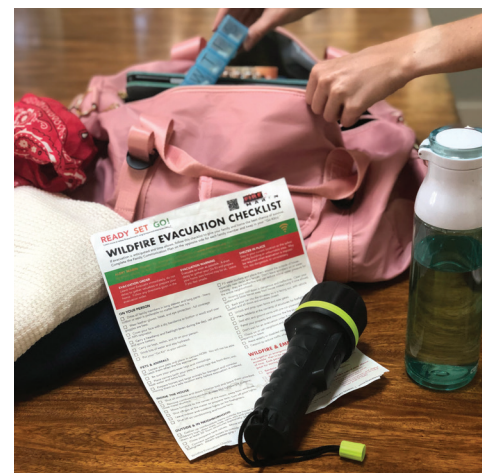
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**Prepare yourself and your family.** Sign up for emergency alerts at AlertMarin.org. Make a disaster plan, know your evacuation routes, pack a go bag, and plan for your pets.

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**Become a Firewise community.** Mobile home parks tend to be community oriented. Neighbors helping neighbors is a great way to prepare.

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# ADDITIONAL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

## Check Home Safety

1. Place **smoke detectors** high on the wall or ceiling adjacent to bedroom areas. Place another in the kitchen. Check them once a month by pressing the test button.
2. Keep a **fire extinguisher** in the kitchen and another near the furnace. Install a fire extinguisher at each exit of the home, as the first action should be to ensure a clear and safe egress before attempting to extinguish a fire.
3. Be careful not to overload **electrical circuits**, or overextend an electrical outlet with extension cords.
4. Store **flammable liquids** in approved containers outside the mobile home in an approved space.
5. Never place **combustible material** under your mobile home.
6. Make regular **safety checks** of your mobile home's major systems. Check for cleanliness, proper functioning and loose connections.
7. **Never block doors or windows** with furniture or other large objects.
8. **Supplemental heating units** like electrical space heaters, fireplaces, kerosene heaters and wood stoves can be dangerous. Be sure each device is approved for use in a home. Turn them off before you leave or go to sleep.



## Personal Preparation and Response

### EVACUATION

Don't try to fight your own fire. Leave immediately and call for help from a neighbor's home.

### EXITS

Make sure at least one window in every bedroom can be used for easy and fast escape in case of fire.

### FIRE DRILLS

It's important to hold household fire drills at least two times a year.

### NEWS

Monitor your local news during all major storms for information specifically directed toward mobile home residents.