

WORKING OUTDOORS DURING WILDFIRES

Outdoor workers are especially affected by wildfire smoke exposure. Below are some tips to protect yourself while working outdoors.

0	50	150	200	300	500
Good	Moderate	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy	Hazardous
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PROTECT YOURSELF

- Outdoor workers should wear N95 masks
- (When possible) take regular breaks in filtered air indoors in public spaces or in cars with air recirculation on
- In extreme heat, monitor how you're feeling, take breaks, and consult your doctor for further advice.

151+ REQUIRES CAL/OSHA REGULATIONS

Cal/OSHA's Protection from Wildfire Smoke regulation requires employers to protect their employees when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is 151 or greater including:



MONITOR SYMPTOMS



Headache



Coughing Painful Breathing



Nose, Throat, Eyes Inflammation



Skin Irritation

ADVOCATE

Collect as much information as you can: location, number of employees, symptoms you experienced or noticed.

If your employer isn't taking precautions, file an anonymous complaint by calling Cal/OSHA at 1-800-321-6742

or submit online at https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Complaint.htm.

