

# Prevent wildfires!



## PLEASE REMEMBER:

- The person starting the fire is always responsible for the use of the fire and for the careful extinguishing of the fire!
- Open fire is prohibited during wildfire warnings. This applies to all campfire sites.

## PLAN:

- Find out in advance where you can find a marked and maintained campfire site.
- If you want to make a fire somewhere else, ask the landowner for permission.
- Select the location of an open fire so that there is no risk of the fire spreading.
- Prepare to extinguish the fire even before making it by having a full water container within reach, for example.

## ACT:

- Take note of the wind direction and speed.
- Be careful and do not fumble around the campfire. This way, the fire will not spread and you will not be burned yourself.
- Let the fire slowly die out before extinguishing it with water, snow or sand.



### WILDFIRE WARNING:

- The Finnish Meteorological Institute will issue a wildfire warning when the terrain is dry. Making a campfire when a wildfire warning has been issued is prohibited.

<https://www.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/maastopalovaroitus> (in Finnish)

- During a wildfire warning, only covered campfire sites with flues may be used for making fires.
- You may not start an open fire during a wildfire warning or if the conditions are such that the risk of a wildfire or other fire is obvious due to drought, wind or other reasons.
- You may not start an open fire without permission from the landowner – always ask!
- The rescue authority may prohibit open fires in the entire area or part of an area for a fixed period if there is an obvious risk of a wildfire.
- The person starting the fire is always responsible for the fire.



In dry weather, during a wildfire warning in particular, fire spreads easily and very quickly. For example, a cigarette butt that has not been put out and is thrown onto the ground may cause a wildfire that destroys several hectares of forest. Playing with fire supposedly harmlessly may also cause fire to spread rapidly and cause a wildfire. The person starting the fire is liable for the damage caused. The damage caused by a wildfire may increase to hundreds of thousands of euros and endanger the finances of the person starting the fire for the rest of their lives. A wildfire may also endanger the livelihood of another person. You must always be extremely careful when handling fire or smoking, especially during a wildfire warning. Fire must always be extinguished properly, thereby preventing the risk of fire spreading.



Games meant to be harmless may get out of hand and cause a fire and extensive damage. If the fire spreads, it is always important to call 112 regardless of whether you detect the fire or caused it yourself. This way, the damage can be minimised.

If you detect smoke, try to determine where it is coming from. You can try to extinguish a small fire yourself with water or sand, for example, but remember to never put your or others' safety at risk. If the fire is too large to be extinguished on your own or you are not sure if the fire is completely out, call 112.

The 112 Suomi app is handy in the wild, in particular. When you call using the app, your location is directly pinpointed and you will be able to get help sooner. More information on the app: <https://112.fi/en/112-suomi-application>



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