



Risk of Forest Fires Emergency instructions

To avoid a forest fire:

1. Do not throw cigarette butts or matches that are still lit. They can light the dry grass on the sides of roads, railways, etc.
2. It is prohibited and dangerous to light a fire in the forest. Use only the authorized areas. Never abandon the fire and make sure that it is completely put out before leaving.
3. If you need to park, make sure that the exhaust is not in contact with dry grass. The hot exhaust can easily ignite the grass.
4. Do not leave waste in unauthorized areas of the forest. Some trash can act as dangerous fuel for a fire.
5. Do not burn straw, stubble and other agricultural waste unless necessary safety measures have been taken. These fires can get out of hand in a matter of minutes.

When the fire is happening:

1. Call 1515 to inform emergency authorities if you see a fire or even smoke as soon as possible. Do not think about whether someone else has already done this. Provide the necessary information to locate the fire.
2. Search for a safe escape route, following a road or a stream. Do not stop in areas where the wind blows. You may be stuck and no longer have an escape route.
3. Lie down in a place where there is not combustible vegetation. Smoke rises and this will make it easier to breathe.
4. If you have no other choice, try to move through a less intense part of the fire to a place that has already been burned. This might take you to a safe place. **BUT REMEMBER: ONLY IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.**
5. The fire is not a spectacle; do not stop in the street. This can block the ability of relief and emergency services to handle the situation.