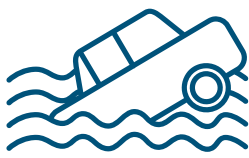# How to Stay Safe When a Wildfire Threatens

A wildfire season typically aligns with times when there's an excess of dry fuels, winds and temperatures are above average, and humidity is low, which creates hot, dry conditions. Wildfire season also varies from one region to another.

A Wildfire Can Cause
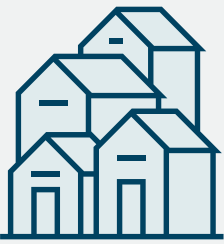
flooding or obstruct transportation,

cause problems related to gas, power, and communication,

not to mention an extensive damage that can be done to a property.

More than **4.5 million U.S. properties** are at high to extreme wildfire risk.

Top 10 states at high to extreme wildfire risk:

1. California
2. Texas
3. Colorado
4. Arizona
5. Idaho
6. Washington
7. Oklahoma
8. Oregon
9. Montana
10. Utah

In 2019, there were **50,477** wildfires consuming 4.7 MILLION ACRES in the US.

In 2018, California saw the deadliest and most destructive fire on record. The Camp Fire was deemed the world's costliest single natural disaster of 2018 with losses of **$16.5 billion.**

On average, humans cause **61,375 fires** each year. As many as **87% of wildfires** in the U.S. ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE.

How to Stay Safe

BEFORE THE WILDFIRE	DURING THE WILDFIRE	AFTER THE WILDFIRE
• Train your employees and their backups on how to use fire extinguishers and in general fire safety. • Establish an evacuation plan and keep it up-to-date. • Create an emergency supply stock.	• Evacuate to a pre-designed shelter area. • Listen to EAS, NOAA Radio, or local alerting systems for updates. Use a battery-operated radio, if other means of communication are unavailable. • Call 911 if trapped. • Use a facemask for safe breathing.	• Listen to authorities to know if it's safe to return. • Document the damage. • Contact your insurance or disaster recovery provider for assistance.

With an end-to-end solution, such as Agility Recovery, businesses can recover **4 times faster** than with no BCM solution.