

1 BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS

HOW FOREST FIRES SPREAD

SURFACE FIRE

Only the undergrowth burns



It is the least serious type of fire
 - Flames as high as 10 m
 - Speed: up to 20 m a minute



CROWN FIRES

Both the undergrowth and the crowns of trees burn



It is the most serious type of fire
 - Flames as high as 60m
 - Speed: up to 80m a minute



2 REDUCING THE RISK TO HOUSES

PROTECT THE AREAS AROUND THE HOUSE

The first thing to do is to create a defensible space around the house



BE CAREFUL, EVEN IF THERE IS A DEFENSIBLE AREA AROUND THE HOUSE FIRES CAN JUMP



3 WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FOREST FIRE

CALL IMMEDIATELY 112 (N.U.E.)

BE AWARE OF ESCAPE ROUTES

- BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE ASSESS THE SAFETY OF THE ESCAPE ROUTE
- REMEMBER THAT FOLLOWING A ROUTE IN THE MIDDLE OF WOODLAND MAY BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN STAYING IN THE HOUSE



SELF-PROTECTION

- Shut off the gas supply at the valve.
- Shut off electricity at the mains.
- Roll up any external curtains or blinds
- Close all windows and shutters
- Isolate with tape or damp cloths any spaces around windows to keep out smoke
- Do not block the access road for emergency vehicles
- Follow the instructions of the emergency services

ATTENTION

Garden hoses do not have enough pressure or enough water to put out the flames. Hoses can be used to dampen doors on the outside as a preventative method.

USEFUL INFORMATION

REGIONAL LAW N° 4 1999. This law allows you to create a defensible area up to 15 metres around your home, for more details contact the numbers indicated below.

LAW N° 353 2000. This is the National Legal Framework on forest fires, it states that causing a forest fire is a crime (article 423 of the Penal Code)

IF YOU SEE A FOREST FIRE CALL THE 112 (N.E.U.) OR FREEPHONE LIGURIAN REGION 800 80 70 47



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IS YOUR HOUSE NEAR A FOREST? PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FOREST FIRES!

A FEW SIMPLE TIPS CAN SAVE YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR FAMILY