

# 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