



## **COVID-19 Wildfire Risk**

*Help the emergency services: avoid starting wildfires.*

When the weather is dry and warm the risk of wildfire increases and it only takes a moment of carelessness to start a fire.

Now, more than ever, we all need to play our part and make sure we do not add to the strain on our emergency services.

Fires that take place in remote, rural areas, make the news but vegetation fires in towns and cities, and on the edge of urban areas, are common and pose a real threat to life and property.

In the countryside, during the current COVID-19 restrictions, there are fewer people on hand to spot fires and to tackle them.

The clear message from government remains for everyone to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

Most wildfires are caused by people and your garden bonfire or barbecue could start one. Please be responsible: do not start fires.



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**Notes:**

1. Wildfires are more common in urban and suburban areas than in the countryside.
2. Common causes of wildfire are: Arson, garden bonfires / rubbish burning, barbecues, or vehicle fires.
3. If you see a wildfire make sure you are safe and dial 999.
  - Give the operator as much detail as you can to help them send the Emergency Services to the right location.
4. Always keep yourself and others safe. Never try to tackle the fire yourself.
5. Remember to be #WildfireAware

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