

When should I wear a mask to protect against wildfire smoke?

YES	NO
<p>Only when you must be outdoors</p>	<p>When you can safely stay indoors</p>
<p>Only when you have a N-95 or P-100 respirator mask</p> <p>Masks are not effective for small children.</p>	<p>When you only have a surgical or dust mask</p>
<p>Only when the mask is properly fitted and sealed with no leaks</p>	<p>When your N-95 or P-100 mask doesn't fit properly</p> <p>Masks are not effective for small children.</p>
<p>Only when you have no facial hair to break the seal</p>	<p>When you have beard</p>
<p>Only when it will be used for short periods</p> <p>Respirator masks should only be worn when smoke levels reach unhealthy conditions according to the OHA Air Quality index.</p>	<p>When you have a heart or lung condition</p> <p>If you have a lung or heart condition, it is important to speak with your doctor to determine if you should wear a mask.</p>

Do not rely on masks for protection!

Paper "comfort" or "dust" masks commonly found at hardware stores are designed to trap large particles, such as sawdust. These masks will not protect your lungs from smoke. There are also specially designed air filters worn on



the face called respirators. **These must be fitted, tested and properly worn to protect against wildfire smoke. Properly fitted, these masks may offer some protection, but only if used correctly.** People who do not properly wear their respirator may gain a false sense of security.