

Wildfire Smoke

A Guide for Public Health Officials

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The Wildfire Smoke Guide is designed to help local public health officials prepare for wildfire smoke events and take measures to protect the public. The guide provides information on:

- Composition and characterization of wildfire smoke
- Health effects of smoke
- Sensitive populations
- Strategies to reduce smoke exposure
- Communicating particulate matter levels
- Recommendations for public health actions

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