



CAL OSHA Emergency Wildfire Regulation for Outdoor Workers

The new regulation is now in effect and requires employers to take the following steps to protect outdoor workers from wildfire smoke that includes, but not limited to:

- ◆ Identifying harmful exposure to airborne particulate matter from wildfire smoke at the start of each shift and periodically thereafter by checking the air quality index (AQI) in regions where workers are located.
- ◆ Reducing harmful exposure to wildfire smoke if feasible. If employers cannot reduce workers exposure, respiratory protection must be provided.
- ◆ Employers must provide training that covers:
 - * The new wildfire regulation
 - * The health effects of wildfire smoke
 - * Respiratory protection and use

Please see the below link for the complete CAL OSHA notice and requirements for the new emergency wildfire regulation:

- ◆ CAL OSHA Notice: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2019/2019-66.pdf>
- ◆ Approved emergency wildfire regulation: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Protection-from-Wildfire-Smoke/Final-text-approved.pdf>

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