



Fire and Air Quality Information

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Fire Information

A CalFire Public Information line has been established for the SCU Lightening Complex Fires which includes the Canyon Zone Fire west of Patterson. For Public information please call: (669) 247-7431.

Air Quality Alert

Smoke from the Canyon Zone Fire in Western Stanislaus County is affecting our air quality in Stanislaus County.

For the General Public:

Please be aware that poor wildfire containment and shifting winds can drastically change air quality in a short period of time. Smoke from wildfires can affect health. The most common symptoms are eye and throat irritation, coughing, and difficulty breathing. Persons with health problems, especially heart or respiratory conditions, should take extra caution.

Follow these precautions to protect your health:

- Minimize outdoor activities
- Stay indoors with windows and doors closed as much as possible
- Do not run fans that bring smoky outdoor air inside
- Run your air-conditioner or heat only if it does not bring smoke in from the outdoors
- Consider leaving the area until smoke conditions improve if you experience symptoms related to smoke exposure
- Know current air quality by checking at <https://www.valleyair.org/myraan/>

For Outdoor Workers:

- Limit exertion
- Take frequent breaks
- If prolonged outdoor activity is unavoidable, proper masks (for example N95 masks) can protect against harmful exposure
- Consult with your employer if you have specific concerns

When to Seek Medical Attention:

Contact your health care provider if you experience the following symptoms that do not improve after moving indoors or into a safe air quality environment:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Wheezing
- Chest tightness or pain
- Palpitations
- Nausea or unusual fatigue
- Lightheadedness and/or feeling faint

As always, if you or someone you know is experiencing an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Additional Information:

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District: <https://www.valleyair.org/Home.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/index.html>

California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/BI_Natural-Disasters_Wildfires.aspx