





Wildfires

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CaseISM.com **Thesis Statement:** Wildfires are catastrophic and need trained EMT's to assist with the preparation, responce, rescue, and recovery.

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This topic is important because certain information could be lifesaving. You need to know how to prepare and what to do to save yourself from wildfires. If you wanted to be an EMT that helps with wildfires then some of this information could be helpful to you.

Wildfire Statistics

I would like to start of my first key point off with some statistics about wildfires:

*According to the NIFC, there is an average of 105, 534 fires a year.

*Four out of five wildfires start because of humans.

*On average, wildfires burn five million acres of land a year.



How do wildfires start?

Wildfires can easily be caused by humans or nature. Lightning can strike a dry tree or shrub and can light the things around it on fire. Once something catches fire in forests, it's hard to stop it from moving on through the rest of the forest.

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Different types of wildfires

The three types of wildfires are surface fires, ground fires, and crown fires. Surface fires moves slowly and burns small trees. Ground fires are usually started by a lightning strike and stay near the ground of the forest. Crown fires spread fast by wind. Crown fires move to the top of trees and spread from there.

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Where are wildfires most likely to happen?

Wildfires can happen worldwide as well as all fifty states. The main states are Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Colorado, Oregon, and California. They experience fires because it is very hot and dry in those states.

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