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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit

Subject: Emergency and Disaster Planning for Upcoming Wildfire Season

Several professional outlets are predicting an early and very active wildfire season. Now is the time to review and update your Emergency Preparedness Plan to ensure your facility is fully prepared to facilitate timely and effective resident safety practices.

Please review the following Oregon Administrative Rules:

[411-050-0725 Emergency Preparedness](#)

Key Reminders:

- AFH staff are responsible for ensuring the evacuation of all residents to a safe alternative location when necessary. Alternative location should be outside the local area when possible.
- If your AFH has transportation agreements in place, now is a good time to verify those agreements are still active and reliable.
- Emergency responders should remain focused on managing the emergency itself and should not be relied upon to conduct AFH evacuations. As such, AFH staff are responsible for carrying out evacuations and ensuring residents are safely relocated in accordance with the AFH's emergency preparedness plan.
- The most effective way to prepare is to ensure all staff are educated on the AFHs emergency preparedness plan and to regularly practice the plan through drills.

- If your AFH is directed to evacuate or has already evacuated, after securing resident safety, immediately notify the Department and provide contact information along with the location to which the AFH residents have been evacuated.

Taking time now to review and practice your emergency procedures will help ensure the safety of residents and staff during wildfire season.

It is critical to remain prepared and alert to fires in your area as older adults and people with disabilities are more at risk of health complications due to harmful air quality as well as the stress of emergency evacuations.

If you need help or have questions during business hours (M-F 8AM-5PM) please contact: [Adult Foster Home Policy Team](#)

If you need help or have questions After Hours (M-F 5PM-8AM & Weekends/Holidays) please contact: [Emergency Response Team](#)

RESOURCES:

Visit the [ODHS Website](#)

[Oregon Smoke Blog](#): Provides additional information on current wildfires in Oregon, including links to various agency websites. During periods of high wildfire activity, this blog can be a source of information on wildfire status, air quality conditions, smoke forecasts, school and activity closures, burn bans, location of clean air shelters, and travel restrictions due to visibility.

[Northwest Interagency Coordination Center's fire map](#): Information on fires across the Northwest. Click on fire icons for detailed information about each fire.

[Oregon Health Authority: Wildfire Smoke and Your Health – Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

[Air Quality Index Map](#): This page shows the location of DEQ air quality monitoring stations throughout Oregon.