

## ACTIVE WILDFIRE AREA | SAFETY MESSAGE

# Stay away from active wildfire areas

For your safety and to ensure firefighters can do their job safely, please stay away from active wildfire areas. Your cooperation is essential.

#### **Danger trees**

Be extra cautious near burnt areas and avoid forests that have been recently affected by wildfire. Hazards remain from falling trees or branches, especially if windy, as well as deep ash-pits and burning peat.



Caption: Ignition operations are a tool firefighters use to contain areas of the fire perimeter. Please stay away from an active wildfire for your safety.

### **Reporting wildfires**

Please do not report smoke or flame from within an active wildfire area. Firefighters are diverted from essential tasks to respond to fires reported by the public. You may see smoke or flame within the existing boundary of a wildfire, this is normal. Please continue to report any NEW smoke or fires outside of active wildfire areas.

### Smoke

Smoke may still be visible in active wildfire areas and affect surrounding communities. Temperature inversions can trap smoke near the ground causing dangerous driving conditions and poor air quality. Please use extra caution when driving in smoky conditions and take necessary precautions if you have smoke-related health concerns.

### Drones – If you're in the sky, we can't fly!

The use of recreational drones over wildfires in Alberta is dangerous, illegal and could result in a fine of up to \$15,000\* for putting aircraft and people at risk. Please give Alberta firefighters the space they need to do their jobs safely. \*Transport Canada