



Wildfires

Wildfires are large, destructive fires that can spread quickly over brush. They can literally burn wild! During the summer months in B.C., the dry, hot weather can have a huge impact on how fast wildfires can spread. British Columbia endured a major wildfire season in 2015 that saw aggressive fire activity, an above-average number of hectares burned, and significant impacts on communities throughout the province. While lightning accounted for over two thirds of wildfires in 2015, several of the most destructive fires were human-caused, and therefore completely preventable. In 2015, 280,465 hectares of B.C. burned in wildfires – that’s almost half a million football fields!



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Answer the following questions using what your teacher has taught you about this hazard and what you've learned through your own independent research.

1. Give a description of how this hazard happens and why:

2. Are there any warning signs that this hazard is on its way or may occur where you live?

3. What are some trusted organizations that you could go to for information about this hazard?

4.

Name a time and place where this hazard has occurred in the past and one thing we can learn from that event:

Place:

Time/Year:

What can we learn:



5. What can you do to prepare for this hazard before it happens?

6. Write a description of a plan you might discuss with your family to prepare for this hazard:

7. What did you learn about this hazard that you did not know before this lesson?

8. What do you still wonder about this hazard?
