Wildfire smoke outside

If anyone is hurt or in danger, call 911.

1. **Not told to evacuate? Stay inside** somewhere safe, or go to a community building where smoke is lower.[1]
2. **Fire very close?** It may be best to leave. Watch local alerts for when to evacuate.[2]
3. **Run a portable air cleaner or a better HVAC filter** if you have one. Both can remove smoke particles.[2]
4. **Wear an N95 mask** outdoors in smoke.[1]
5. **Check air quality** on local news, EPA's AirNow, or your state air-quality site.[2]

Don't: use an air cleaner that makes ozone.[2]

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Sources

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