



## **AIR QUALITY ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** August 16, 2018  
**CONTACT:** Walter Wallace, 415.519.4628

### **Air Quality Advisory for smoke issued for Bay Area through Sunday**

*Smoke from wildfires expected to impact Bay Area air quality*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for smoke today through Sunday, August 19, for the entire the region.

The Bay Area may experience smoke impacts from the wildfires burning in the northwest region of the U.S. and British Columbia. Winds are expected to blow smoke into the Bay Area on Friday, which may impact ground-level air quality through the weekend.

If the smell of smoke is present, it is important that Bay Area residents protect their health by avoiding exposure. If possible, stay inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside. Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside.

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a dry scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elevated particulate matter in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer from asthma, emphysema or COPD. Elderly persons, children and individuals with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

Check here for real-time air quality readings: <https://go.usa.gov/xUwyz>.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

# # #

---

*Air District Communications Office*  
375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105  
[Air District Homepage](#) | [News Releases](#)