



## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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### **Air quality advisory for wildfire smoke today & Friday**

*Air quality forecast good to moderate but smoke impacts are possible*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory today through Friday, October 16, due to possible wildfire smoke impacts.

**There is no Spare the Air Alert in effect and air quality is not expected to be unhealthy.**

Smoke from the August Complex Fire and potentially the Creek Fire are expected to drift into the Bay Area, causing smoky and hazy skies today and tomorrow. **Air quality is expected to be in the good to moderate range and is not expected to exceed the national 24-hour health standard on Friday.** The Air District will be closely monitoring air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from the fires.

If smoke reaches unhealthy levels, 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, if temperatures allow. It is also recommended that those impacted by smoke set their 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.

Visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new Fire and Smoke Map for current air quality readings: <https://bit.ly/2S3mDol>.

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](#).

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