

Susi & Ruedi on tour

Check-List for Fires

Tips and Facts

- If ever possible flee and stay in the car. A car seldom explodes, Diesel driven cars never do.
- Best position inside of the car or outside: On the floor / ground (air and temperature).
- Primary danger is the radiated heat, subsequently smoke and the fire itself.
- Radiant heat spreads linearly. Maintain cover.
- Bush and forest fires can move on faster than any human can run
- The speed of a fire doubles every 10° ascent and its getting hotter. On the other hand, the speed halves on every 10° descend and the fire gets less hot

Pre-Fire Check (precautions; danger not yet imminent)

Category	Check / Task
Preparation	Prepare vehicle for immediate departure
	Check for possible escape routes
	Look for a save place for the night (areas without vegetation)
	Check readiness of emergency kit, first aid kit, sat-phone
	At night activate outside smoke detector
	Have protective masks ready
	Have cotton and woolen cloths ready (not syntetics)

Pre-Fire Check (danger imminent, escape still possible)

Category	Check / Task	
Preparation	Prepare vehicle for immediate departure	
	Listen to the radio	
	Check for possible escape routes	
	Check readiness of emergency kit, first aid kit and sat-phone	
	Wear spacious, long sleeve cotton- or woolen-clothes, gloves (all not synthetics) and sturdy shoes. Protect your head	
	Have protective masks ready	
	Keep ready lots of potable water, blankets, wet towels for breathing protection and to seal windows.	
	Have some food ready should you have to leave the car	
	Escape	Escape by car whenever possible (faster, better protection). Stay in the car. A car seldom explodes, a diesel driven one never does
		Switch air circulation in drivers cab to "internal circulation". Switch on air condition and set it to cool
Escape out of the region or look for a save place		
	Report your position und situation (relatives, friends)	
	Issue an alarm to the fire brigade (000)	

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Pre-Fire Check (danger imminent, escape not possible anymore)

Category	Check / Task
Preparation	<p>Drive to an open space as far away as possible from trees, scrub, grass. Don't drive through a fire front or thick smoke Place car with front against the fire Remove any vegetation under and as far as possible around the car Dispose all items containing explosives far of the car. (power generator, chain saw, stove, gas tanks, jerry cans) Protect windscreen and side-screen with fire-blanket Reduce tire pressure on all tires to prevent them from blowing-up due to the heat Put emergency kit, first aid kit and sat-phone into camper Put 6kg fire extinguisher and fire blanket into camper Put protective masks into camper and keep them ready Hide in the camper Close all windows, windows shutters and doors and seal them as good as possible and close all air-inlets (use wet towels if necessary). Heavily tape all windows (avoids breakage) Don't lock doors (access for emergency staff) Keep following items ready in camper: Lots of water, blankets, towels, wet towels for breathing protection. Wear spacious, long sleeve cotton- or woolen-clothes, gloves (all not synthetics) and sturdy shoes. Protect your head Report your position und situation (relatives, friends) Issue an alarm to the fire brigade (000) Drink a lot of water even if not thirsty Don't panic</p>

Post-Fire Check

Category	Check / Task
General	<p>Report your position und situation (relatives, friends) Report situation to fire brigade (if previously alarmed) Pick-up all previously disposed items (jerry cans, generator, etc.)</p>
Vehicle	<p>Seriously check the car for any damage Do a Weekly-Check</p>
Persons	<p>Drink a lot of water in little doses after heavy sweating. Eat salt-pills / salt. Cool down body temperature (heat stroke, shock) Medicate eyes and throat using mild salt-lotion</p>