



FOREST FIRE DANGER LEVEL

Alpine forests are a wealth for the environment and the economy, for the preservation of the variety of species in their habitat and of the landscape.

Fires represent a threat to our woods.

The danger level summarises the characteristics of an area in a determinate moment in relation to the danger of fire. It tells us how easy or not it is that, in the case of sparking, a fire may occur and the characteristics it will have if it does occur. It is calculated on a daily basis on the grounds of the current weather conditions and on those forecast, as well as on the characteristics of the fuels. A 5-level scale has been defined shared by all the Alpine countries (Italy, France, Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria and Germany).

Preventing a fire is important. This is what we have to do:

- Do not throw cigarette stubs or matches out of the car.
- Light fires in equipped areas only and do not leave the fire or embers before they die out completely.
- Do not park the car near dry grass: the heat of the exhaust might cause a fire.
- Do not burn stubble, hay or cuttings near a wood without adequate care.

If we see a fire we must:

- Immediately call **State Forest Rangers** or **Fire Brigade phone number**.
- Keep at a **safe distance** and look for a **safe way to escape**.
- **Do not hinder operators** and vehicles stopping to watch.

