

Deciding When It Is Too Late to Safely Evacuate From a Fire

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There is no universal answer to when it is too late to safely evacuate in a fire, as fire location and speed will vary greatly. In general, traveling on the roads when the fire is in the area increases the risk. The closer the fire, the more dangerous it is to be on the road as smoke can limit visibility, and evacuation routes can be cut off by fire, traffic, or fallen trees. This is why it is important to be prepared and evacuate as early as possible. Leaving very late as the fire approaches is extremely dangerous, as exposure to the intense heat, blowing embers, and smoke can greatly increase the risk of death.

