

FIRE SAFETY FOR INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND BACKYARD DWELLINGS



TIPS FOR WHEN A FIRE HAS STARTED

- 🔥 Notify other residents
- 🔥 Alert the fire department. Provide directions and landmarks
- 🔥 If safe, carry out basic firefighting activities using bucket brigades, thick blankets or by collapsing dwellings
- 🔥 Put on the most protective clothing owned (e.g., leather, overalls, thick cotton). Avoid synthetic materials like nylon
- 🔥 Evacuate. Do not come back for possessions
- 🔥 Clear access routes to allow fire truck access
- 🔥 Guide the fire department to the fire site
- 🔥 Notify firefighters if flare-ups occur
- 🔥 Protect firefighters and municipal authorities
- 🔥 If possible, try to see which direction the fire is moving in
- 🔥 If your clothing catches fire: stop, drop to the ground, cover your face and roll around on the floor. This will smother the flames and save your life.
- 🔥 Keep fire hydrants clear. Help firefighters to locate them
- 🔥 Assist other community members.
- 🔥 Obey any instructions from firefighters, police, or municipal officials

**CALL 112 FROM YOUR CELL IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY
#BESAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON**



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