

Safety Precautions for Re-entry

- Driving: <u>Please drive slowly with your head lights on.</u>
 - Watch for fire vehicles and other traffic.
 - o **<u>Do Not</u>** stop on the road
- **Hazardous Trees:** Fire damaged trees can fall unexpectedly. Stay out of areas with fire damaged trees.
- **Don't breathe the ash from the fires.** Ash can irritate your respiratory system. Adults should use a protective mask (N-95 or P-100) while in areas where ash particles cannot be controlled. N-95 masks must be properly fitted and are not designed for children or people with facial hair; subsequently they will not provide full protection.
- **Protective clothing:** wear goggles, heavy work gloves, and boots, long sleeves, and long pants to avoid skin contact. Handle all burned plastics with gloves as possible toxins can come off the plastic.
- **Debris:** Watch for broken glass, exposed: wires, nails, wood, metal, plastic, falling trees and tree limbs.
- Watch for Ash Pits: Ash pits are holes of hot or cold ashes, created by burned trees and stumps. Falling into ash pits can cause burns and/or lower leg injuries.
- **Perishable Food:** If you lost power during the fires, it strongly recommended that you discard the contents of your refrigerator or freezer. Perishable food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk, and eggs that are not kept adequately refrigerated or frozen may cause illness if consumed, even when they are thoroughly cooked. If you are not certain food is safe, throw it out!