



# Teens Tell NFPA What They Know and How They Want to Grow



Results are based on responses from 663 middle and high school students at seven schools in Arizona, California, Florida, Texas, and New Mexico (October 2017).

Note: Some students did not answer all the questions, resulting in some percentages totaling less than 100%.

## Do teens know that wildfires can happen anywhere, at any time?



YES  
65%



NO  
18%



DON'T KNOW  
8%



# Teens' Perceptions about Wildfire



45%

Believed that most wildfires are caused by lightning.

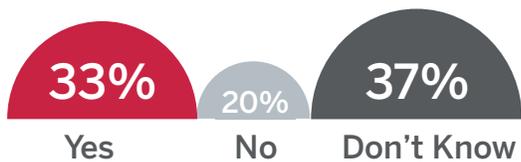


51%

Did not know that wildfires can help keep forests healthy.

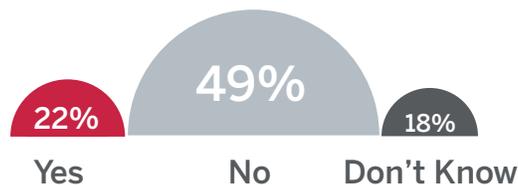


Can wildfires cause erosion?



Only a third of the students knew that wildfires can cause erosion.

Is it impossible to protect a home from wildfire?



40% of the students did not know that it is possible to protect a home from wildfire.

# What more do teens want to learn about wildfire?



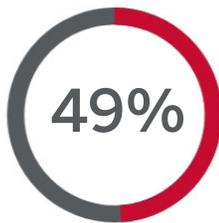
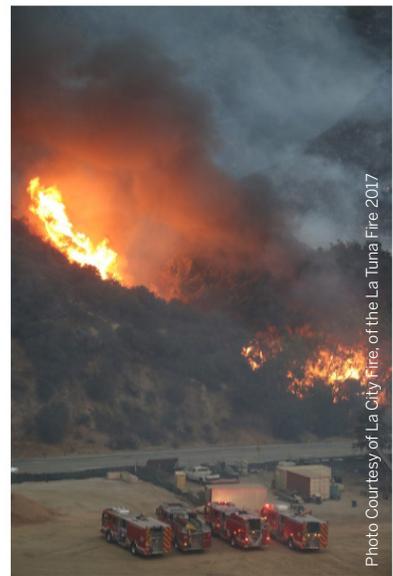
What to do when a wildfire comes near



How to prevent wildfires



How to make homes and communities safer from wildfire



How wildfires affect the ecosystem



How firefighters put out wildfires



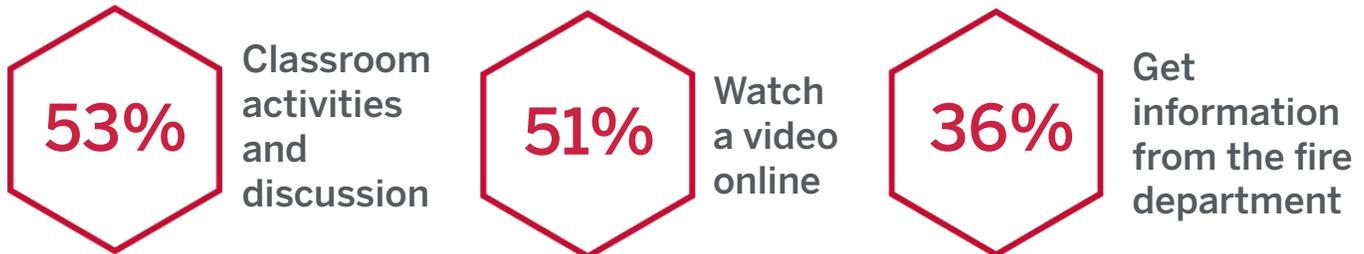
How wildfires get started



How wildfires spread

# How would teens like to learn more about wildfire?

Respondents marked their top three choices. Below are the top three overall.



What did teens say would motivate them to participate in a community wildfire preparedness project?

Respondents marked all that applied. Below are the top three ways overall.

