Fire Emergency Plan

**HELIX FIRE EMERGENCY STRATEGY**

1. Prepare
2. Stay Informed
3. Leave Early
4. Evacuate with a Plan
5. Shelter in Place
6. Survive

**FIRE INFORMATION RESOURCES**

- **AlertSanDiego**
  - Registers your cell phone, VoIP phone number, and email address only (landlines are already registered). It is a regional notification system that sends telephone notifications to residents and businesses in danger from emergencies or disasters.
  - Register for this service and keep informed!

- **Fire Emergency, if you cannot self-evacuate, or see smoke or fire**
  - Call 911

- **FIRE INFORMATION RESOURCES**
  - *Receive emergency alerts via phone, text and e-mail*
  - Register for Alert San Diego and download San Diego County Emergency APP: www.readysandiego.org
  - Heartland Fire and Rescue HQ: 619-590-3100 www.fire.ca.gov
  - San Diego County Fire Safe Council: 619.562.0096 www.firesafesdcounty.org
  - Rancho Helix de Oro Fire Safety Council: helixfiresafety.com

- **Community Resources**
  - Grossmont - Mt. Helix Improvement Association: www.gmia.net
  - Casa de Oro Alliance: www.casadeoroalliance.org
  - Valle De Oro Community Planning Group: www.sandiegocounty.gov
  - San Diego Humane Society: www.sdhumane.org

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**Defensible Space**

Defensible space improves your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from direct flame contact or radiant heat.

**MAINTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

- Keep your chimney clean and install spark arresters.
- Remove all but scattered trees with 30 feet of structures.
- For the next 70 feet, thin and prune your coniferous trees.
- Keep your grass green and mowed 100 feet from any structure.
- Keep your roof clear of leaves, needles, and other debris.
- Keep your woodpile 30 feet from structures and fuel tanks.
- Keep driveways accessible for fire trucks and provide a turn-around area.
- Keep fire tools available: shovel, rake, ladder.
- Avoid outdoor burning. Recycle mulch and compost whenever possible.
- Keep 100 feet of garden hose attached.
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REGISTER FOR THIS SERVICE AND KEEP INFORMED!
P. A. C. E.
Evacuation Planning Using the P.A.C.E. Strategy

The Sheriff’s Department and fire officials will determine the best evacuation route for your maximum safety, using the P.A.C.E. strategy.

**PRIMARY CORRIDOR**
[Main Roads and highways]
- Avocado South to Highway 94 or North to El Cajon

**ALTERNATE ROUTES**
[Secondary Roads outside normal traffic flow]
- Fuerte

**CONTINGENCY CORRIDORS**
[Other routes if primary and alternate routes are compromised]
- Grandview Drive West to the Highway 125 and Conrad Drive to 94 South

**EMERGENCY**
[Temporary Refuge Areas (TRA) or if survivable, shelter in place]
- Prepare to follow evacuation directions provided by officials.
- Any large open area can serve as a temporary safe refuge area but may lack any facilities or services. Normally it would be the schools but since campuses are shut down due to COVID, it may not be good direction to go; better a shopping center, etc.

**MY EVACUATION ROUTES**
Highlight the Primary and Alternate routes from your home on the map above right.

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**USING YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES SAFELY**
- Drive with CAUTION.
- Make sure your HEADLIGHTS ARE ON.
- When conditions are smoky, PROCEED SLOWLY; stop if you can’t see.
- Watch for emergency vehicles and YIELD the right of way.
- Roll up your WINDOWS.
- Ensure your RADIO IS OFF.
- Turn on your air conditioner to MAXIMUM COLD.

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San Diego County Emergency APP
www.readysandiego.org

Information, interactive checklists for creating your emergency plan and building an emergency supplies kit. The app will keep you informed with emergency updates, interactive emergency maps, and shelter locations. Download at the above site.

To learn more about the Rancho Helix de Oro Fire Safe Council, visit www.helixfiresafety.com.

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**FIRE SURVIVAL STRATEGY**

**STAY CALM**
Call 911 to Alert Authorities

**At Home**
- Conserve and maintain water supply.
- Keep windows and doors closed but unlocked.
- Stay inside away from exterior walls and windows.

**In Your Car**
- Park Away from vegetation.
- Close windows and vents.
- Protect your airway — cover your mouth and nose with a dry cloth.
- Cover your body with a wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on the floor until the fire passes.

**On Foot**
- Find a ditch or a ground level depression away from vegetation.
- Lie Face down and cover up your body.
- Protect your airway — cover your mouth and nose with a dry cloth.

Additional information at www.readysandiego.org