



Calaveras County

Butte Fire Recovery

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General Safety Tips for Butte Fire Recovery

Driving In Fire/Debris Areas

- **Use caution on narrow mountain roads.**
- **Watch for emergency response vehicles and utility workers/vehicle working along roadsides.**
- **Be aware; the fire may have damaged Stop/Yield signs and other drivers may not follow driving rules.**
- **Watch for distracted drivers.**

Accessing Fire/Debris Areas

- **Scout the area you're working for hazards such as stump holes, ash pits, septic tank covers, and sharp materials in burned debris.**
- **Assess trees for fire damage and use caution while working around burned trees. This includes looking up into trees for loose or broken limbs. Falling limbs are a common hazard associated with burned trees.**
- **Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the conditions you're working in.**
- **Wear eye protection, hand protection and particulate masks while working in fire/debris areas. *Masks and gloves are distributed for free at Town Hall meetings and by the Calaveras County Environmental Health Department located at 891 Mt. Ranch Road, San Andreas.***
- **Use caution while working on properties containing solar panels. *Damaged solar panels may still be active and could arc, causing injury or death.***
- **Watch for rattlesnakes while working in fire/debris areas. Avoid approaching any snake.**
- **Minimize exposure to sun.**
- **Stay hydrated; drink plenty of water.**
- **Appropriate clothing, headwear and sun block will help protect against sun-related injury/illness.**
- **Watch for aggressive animals.**

Mental Health Wellness

- **Stay mentally well and watch for signs of depression. For help, contact Mental Health Services at (209) 754-6525 or the toll free Crisis Line at 1-800-499-3030 open 24/7.**