# **Protect Yourself on Smoky Days**

# **BEFORE AN EVENT**



#### Make a Plan.

Identify public places in your community that will have cleaner, cooler air. Remember heat is dangerous too.



#### Consider Your Health.

Have a health condition? Talk with your doctor about how to protect yourself on smoky days.



## **Prepare Living Space.**

Replace leaky windows and seal openings with caulk.
Consider purchasing a
HEPA air purifier.

## **DURING AN EVENT**



## **Stay Indoors.**

This is the best defense against poor air quality. Keep windows and doors closed. Stay home, or go someplace with cleaner air.



### Stay Informed.

Sign up for alerts in your area. Local smoke levels can rise and fall rapidly.



#### **What About Masks?**

N-95 respirators are no substitute for being indoors. Not an option? **Here are some facts to consider:** 



N-95s must be fitted and worn properly.



N-95s are not safe for children.



N-95s may be dangerous for people with heart or lung conditions.

If an N-95 makes you feel better, wear it. If you feel worse, don't! N-95s are not meant for everyone. When in Doubt, Seek Shelter Indoors.



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