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Wildfires: A Growing Hazard in the U.S.

Wildfire-Related Deaths - Texas, March 12-20, 2006

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Each year, over 2,200 wildfires burn in the United States. In March 2006, residents of the Texas panhandle suffered from a wildfire that claimed 12 lives and damaged over \$16 million in property.

To help prevent fires:

- Keep flammable materials away from your home;
- Clean roofs and gutters regularly to prevent leaves and other flammable material from building up;
- Have a plan to get out of the house and out of the area, if needed;
- Follow warnings and evacuation orders; and
- Always avoid the path of the fire and don't travel through smoke on roadways.

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