

Table 1: Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician checklist for wildfire preparedness and action (29; 33; 19)
(online version provides hyperlinks)

Preparing for Wildfire Season	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read the BCCDC fact sheets on Wildfire Smoke. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about the Air Quality Health Index. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider preparing printouts of key BCCDC fact sheets for your patients, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Health effects of wildfire smoke</i> <i>How to prepare for the wildfire smoke season</i> <i>Portable air cleaners for wildfire smoke</i> <i>Face masks for wildfire smoke</i> <i>Wildfire smoke and outdoor exercise</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Stock an adequate supply of corticosteroid and bronchodilator inhalers. <input type="checkbox"/> For Pharmacy owners consider improving air quality at the workplace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend patients have at least 5 days extra supply of medications.¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Ask higher risk patients² if they are informed; refer them to relevant resources. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask patients with asthma and COPD if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have an up-dated written action plan. Asthma Action Plan for Adults Asthma Action Plan for Children (Punjabi and Chinese language available for Children’s action plan) ✓ Know how to recognize and treat worsening symptoms. ✓ Have an adequate supply of their rescue medications mentioned in the action plan.
During Wildfire season or smoke exposure in your community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain an adequate supply of corticosteroid and bronchodilator inhalers. <input type="checkbox"/> Stay tuned to local air quality reports and advisories through local radio, television, social media: Air Quality Advisories, Air Quality Health Index, provincial advisories, road and weather conditions for driving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Emphasize minimising exposure to smoke, especially for people at higher risk². <input type="checkbox"/> Remind patients with asthma and COPD to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Carry their bronchodilator (reliever) inhaler with them at all times. ✓ Follow their written action plan if symptoms worsen. ✓ See their physician if not responding to treatment. <input type="checkbox"/> Remind higher risk patients² of optional medication delivery services, where available. <input type="checkbox"/> Clarify the role of N95 respirators for the public and refer outdoor workers to WorkSafe BC³.
During states of emergency and evacuations ⁴	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow evacuation orders. <input type="checkbox"/> For owners of evacuated pharmacies, consider opening a temporary pharmacy in a new location. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dispense an emergency supply of medication to displaced patients during a state of emergency.

1. Helpful during an evacuation but also limits urgent need to travel to the pharmacy during days of poor air quality.
2. People with chronic diseases (asthma, COPD, heart disease), pregnant women, infants, young children, older adults.
3. Information on Wildfire smoke and N95 respirators: [Face masks for wildfire smoke](#), [BCCDC Evidence Review](#), [Worksafe BC’s Wildfire Smoke: Frequently Asked Questions](#).
4. Evacuation stages: **evacuation alert** (be ready to leave), **evacuation order** (leave the area immediately), **evacuation rescind** (you can return home, stay tuned for other evacuation alerts or orders). (42)