



Feelings on Fire



Imagine you are an elderly person, suffering from arthritis and living alone. On waking one morning you turn on the television to see a report that there is a wildfire in your area. When you look out of your window you can see tall flames in the distance.

Discuss:

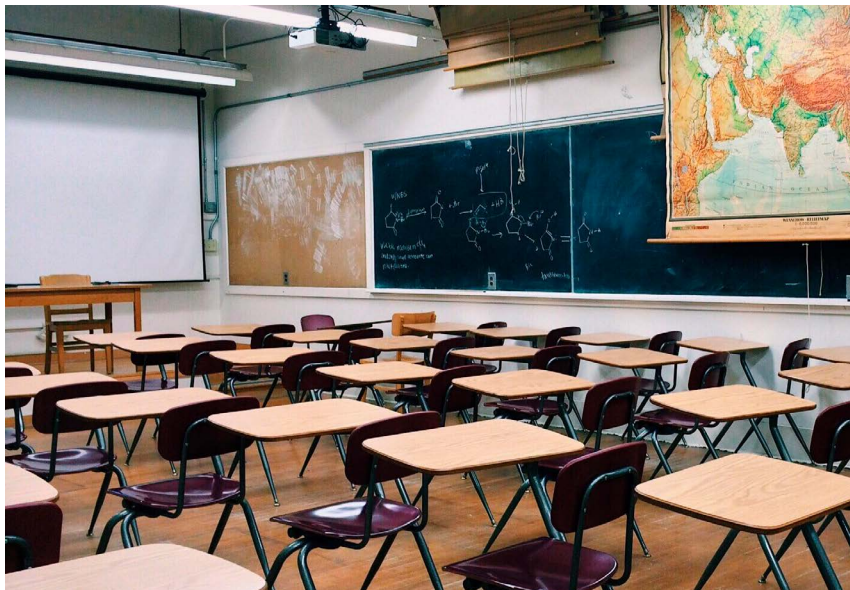
- What might you be worried about?
- What might you be feeling?
- What would you do and who would you contact?



Imagine that you and your family have just returned home from a holiday. However, you are unable to reach your house as your street has been closed by the emergency services, who are responding to a wildfire in the area. You are all very tired after a long journey back and desperate for a warm shower, some food and your beds.

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Imagine that you are the Head teacher at a local school. You get a phone call in the early hours of the morning from the Fire and Rescue Service, to tell you that a wildfire has spread into the school grounds. Emergency services have extinguished the fire but have flooded several of the classrooms while doing so. The playground is melted and still smoking. Inside the school, furniture, books and computers are completely sodden.

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Imagine that you are visually impaired and have a guide dog to assist you to move around safely. Your bedroom is on the ground floor for easy access. You wake up in the night and can smell smoke and hear crackling sounds coming in through your open bedroom window. You know that wildfires are sometimes deliberately started in the woods behind where you live.

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Imagine that you own a local coffee shop. You turn up in the morning, after hearing on your car radio that a local wildfire was dealt with during the night. On opening your shop you find that it is full of smoke that smells awful and has damaged your newly painted walls. The food items, coffee beans, tables, chairs and tableware are covered in soot and smoke contaminated.

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Imagine that you are a local care worker, looking after vulnerable residents in the area. You start work one morning, needing to visit 6 local residents who all need a lot of support with washing, dressing, food preparation and taking their medication. On travelling to your first patient you discover that a wildfire has spread overnight. The fire is out but the whole area smells of smoke, roads are closed, and the neighbourhood is flooded with water from the fire fight. It looks like you won't be able to reach the people who need your help today.

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Imagine that you manage the local animal rescue centre. It is your day off work, and you have left the centre and its residents in the capable hands of one of your volunteers. You get a phone call from the emergency services, alerting you to a wildfire nearby and that a number of injured wild animals are on route to the animal rescue centre, desperately in need of treatment.

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