



FOREST FIRE PREVENTION...

A well-stocked toolbox!

An « avoided » fire is always the one that causes the least damage and has the lowest costs. Among its operational objectives, the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU) aims to bring down the moving average of 10 years regarding human-caused fires.

To put a stop to forest fires, SOPFEU has a well-stocked toolbox!



To prevent fires on over 52 million hectares of forest, it takes a lot of people! One of SOPFEU's strengths lies in the **POWERFUL NETWORK OF COLLABORATORS** it has built over the years. Whether these collaborators are forest supervisors, members of the media, municipal fire chiefs or managers of parks or other outdoor recreation establishments, they are very much aware of the value of forests.

What is SOPFEU's challenge? It is not only to inform these key persons of the risks inherent to their activities, but also to provide them with "custom-made tools" so they in turn can raise the level of awareness in their workers and clients.

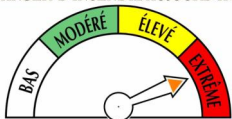
PREVENTIVE MEASURES are « leading edge » tools. These measures are put into effect during periods where the forest is so dry that it is especially vulnerable. Depending on the seriousness of the situation, one or several measures may be suggested by SOPFEU or ordered by the Minister, i.e. :

- ✓ suspension of industrial burning permits;
- ✓ ban on open fires;
- ✓ preventive measures during forest operations;
- ✓ forest closure.



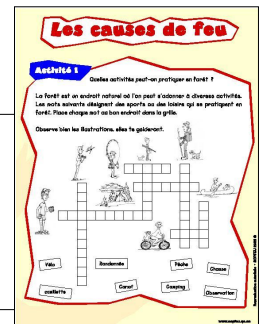
An essential tool, the **FIRE DANGER** is broadcast daily by SOPFEU, from May to September :

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- at www.sopfeu.qc.ca;
- using signs erected in the forest that show the fire danger;
- through the media.

To build the future, SOPFEU is counting on youth. A series of 14 **PREVENTION ACTIVITIES** is available : www.sopfeu.qc.ca - Interactive zone - Activities for kids.



Leading-edge tools for forest fire protection, that's pretty solid stuff!

