



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE...

Promptly report any suspicious-looking smoke!

In QUEBEC, fires that pose a threat to forests must be reported by calling:



1 800 463-FEUX (3389)

However, forest fires are often reported by residents whose first reflex is to call their municipal fire department. If some pieces of information are missing, this complicates SOPFEU's job and can even compromise results.

Below is the information that must be provided to SOPFEU so it can quickly assess the fire's potential and mobilize all necessary resources (example of form enclosed).

Who reported the fire?



- Name
- Phone number
- Date
- Time

SOPFEU must be able to reach this person (for at least 30 minutes) if additional information is needed.

Who discovered the fire?



- Name
- Phone number
- Date
- Time

If the person who discovered the fire is not the one who reported it, possibly he or she has new information. It is important to be able to reach this person also.

Location of fire



- Local municipality
- Highway, road, street
- Access road to fire

Often, people who report fires know the area well. If they are able to give this type of information, valuable time and energy will be saved.

Estimated area of fire



- E.g. about 10 metres X 5 metres

The fire's size gives a good idea of the number of fire fighters required.

Dominant forest stand

- Softwoods
- Hardwood
- Mixed
- Plantation
- Other



The type of forest stand is one of the elements that make it possible to gauge the forest fire's potential. For example, a forest composed of hardwoods burns faster in spring than in summer. Each type of stand has its own specific characteristics.

Fire activity

- Is it already extinguished?
- Does the fire's progress seem:
 - slow,
 - moderate,
 - fast?



When a fire is reported extinguished, it is still counted.

The progress noted serves to estimate how many fire fighters are required.

Fire fighters on-site

- Are there people trying to put out the fire?

If yes, how many?



If water bombers must drop water on the fire, it is important to know if there are people on the ground to avoid the risk of injury.

Person with authority to contact at fire

- Is there someone who can be contacted at the fire?

If yes, write down this person's name and phone number.



If there is someone with authority or who knows the sector where the fire is burning, this person may make the fire fighters' job easier. For example, by allowing SOPFEU to use equipment considered as helpful.

Additional information

- Any information that may be relevant.

e.g. values-at-risk nearby,
presence of propane tanks,
access to the site by ATV only, etc.



Any information that would help to better assess the fire's potential and the appropriate fire suppression means.