

What Firefighters Need
to Know About
RED FLAG
Warnings



INDICATE ERRATIC, UNUSUAL FIRE BEHAVIOR:



Faster rates of spread

Higher flame lengths

Greater intensity fires

**CONDITIONS DANGEROUS
TO FIREFIGHTERS!**



Red Flag Warnings are:

- ✓ Issued by the National Weather Service for a specific time period.
- ✓ Warning of a hazardous combination of fuel & weather conditions that adversely affect fire behavior.
- ✓ **NOT** a burn ban.
- ✓ **NOT** conditions safe for open burning.
- ✓ Issued when pre-set criteria are met:
 - ✓ Wind speeds greater than 25 MPH
 - ✓ Relative Humidity less than 30%
 - ✓ Extended period with little to no precipitation
 - ✓ Significantly dry fuels

Watches often precede a warning to alert you to the likelihood of Red Flag conditions.

Notification of Red Flag Watches and Warnings can be found at weather.gov (click in Vermont), or online at <http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/fires/monitoring> in the "What is Red Flag warning" section.

