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**Alzheimer's Association Statement on North Bay Wildfires**

**SAN JOSE, CA, October 10, 2017** — The Alzheimer's Association has been following the news on the wildfires in the North Bay. We know that many of our constituents have been evacuated, and several nursing homes have closed. People with dementia who have been relocated are at increased risk for wandering, even if they are in the early stages of the disease. Be on the lookout for the warning signs. Info available at <http://alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-wandering.asp>

During this time, our Santa Rosa office is closed until we feel the area is completely safe. We want to reassure you that our 24/7 helpline is fully operational at this time. If you have questions about dementia and caregiving, call us day or night at 800.272.3900.

You can also register your loved one in the MedicAlert+Safe Return program, a nationwide emergency response program that helps locate missing loved ones with dementia. For information call 888.572.8566 or go to [www.medicalert.org/safereturn](http://www.medicalert.org/safereturn).

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