

Wildfires can attack houses from the inside

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It's not just residents in the northern Bay Area who are at risk from wildfire. Millions of other Californians live in fire-prone areas and many homes were built before modern fire codes.

Buildings don't have to lie directly in the path of the flames to be at risk. The larger concern comes from something much smaller.

"During a wildfire, the major source of ignition is the wind-blown ember that lands on or near the house," says Steve Quarles of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

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