

# What to do if photovoltaic panels emit smoke and fire



## Overview

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If you discover a burning PV system or suspect fire impact to PV components is imminent, notify all resources in the area and notify command. Ensure no personnel are downwind and maintain and establish safe distances to reduce smoke exposure in the event of changes in wind direction. While properly installed systems by qualified professionals must follow current safety codes, solar fires do happen. That's why the Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) funded the Solar Training and Education for Professionals (STEP) program, which provides tools to more than 10,000 firefighters. Whilst the risk of solar panel systems catching fire is extremely low, like any other technology that produces electricity, they can catch fire. In 2023, an article published by The Independent revealed that from January-July 2023, 66 fires relating to solar panels had occurred in the UK, compared. Photovoltaic (PV) panels can be retrofitted on buildings after construction or can be used to replace conventional building materials used for roofs, walls or facades. Fire safety is important for your property and for emergency workers.

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### Fire protection for PV systems - risks and solutions

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### Solar Fire Safety

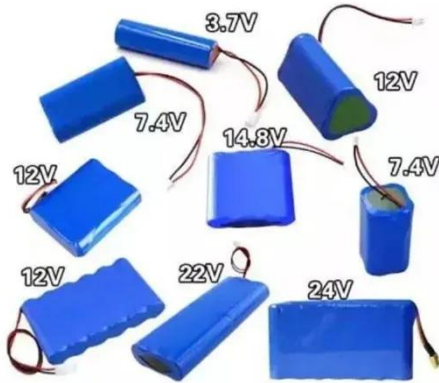
Effective firefighting on the site of solar installations requires two things. First, the fire department must know that there is a solar system on the property, either through communication ...

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### Comprehensive Guide to Fire Safety in Photovoltaic Systems: ...

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