



FEEL SAFE



FROM NERO TO HERO: HISTORY OF FIREFIGHTING

FAMOUS FIRES IN HISTORY



Great Fire of Rome

On July 18, 64 C.E., a fire started in the enormous Circus Maximus stadium in Rome, now the capital of Italy. When the fire was finally extinguished six days later, 10 of Rome's 14 districts had burned.



Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London started on Sunday, 2 September 1666 in a baker's shop on Pudding Lane. Remarkably just six victims were officially recorded, but almost 85% of London's population became homeless after the fire.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1666 there was no organised fire brigade. Firefighting was very basic with little skill or knowledge involved. Leather buckets, axes and water squirts were used to fight the fire – but had little effect.



The Chicago Fire

On October 8, 1871, a fire broke out in a barn on the southwest side of Chicago, Illinois. For more than 24 hours, the fire burned through the heart of Chicago, killing 300 people and leaving one-third of the city's population homeless.



Greece Wildfires

On July 23, 2018, Mati, a holiday resort and beachfront exurb of Athens, was incinerated by a wildfire that killed 103 people. It was the first event directly related to the climate crisis that affected everyday life on a local scale.