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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about wildfires in Greece.

I share your concerns about the extreme temperatures and wildfires that are affecting many areas of Greece, both on the mainland and a number of islands.

In the first instance, British nationals should contact their airline or travel operator who can assist with return travel to the UK. I know that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is in close contact with the authorities in Greece and I understand that a Rapid Deployment Team has been sent to Rhodes to support British nationals by assisting with emergency travel documents and liaising with travel operators and Greek authorities. The Greek Government has also set up a Crisis Management Unit to facilitate the evacuation of foreign visitors from Rhodes due to the ongoing forest fires.

If you are in need of consular assistance, you should call +44 20 7008 5000.

I am aware that wildfires are highly dangerous and unpredictable, and the situation can change very quickly. It is, therefore, essential to stay up to date with official advice, and British nationals affected by wildfires in Greece should follow guidance from emergency services in Greece. They can be contacted on 112 in cases of immediate danger. The FCDO also recommends both enabling the “Emergency Alerts” option to receive emergency alerts from the Greek Government’s emergency alerts (which can be enabled in the settings of your phone), as well as following “112 Greece” on Twitter for official updates:

<https://twitter.com/112Greece>

If you are planning to travel to any areas affected by wildfires, you should check with your travel operator and accommodation provider before travelling to check that it is not currently impacted.

You should also ensure that you have appropriate insurance.

I am assured that the FCDO continues to closely monitor this situation. I am also aware that the Government guidance is likely to be updated regularly as the situation evolves and you must, therefore, regularly check the Government’s travel advice for Greece, which can be found here:



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<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/greece>

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**