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GUIDES UK**

Learn it. Live it. Pass it on.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

ENJOY THE FIRE • RESPECT THE OUTDOORS • LEAVE NO TRACE



A SAFE CAMPFIRE KEEPS YOU WARM, COOKS YOUR FOOD AND BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.

ALWAYS PLAN AHEAD, STAY ALERT AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

1. PLAN AHEAD



Check local fire regulations and any fire bans.



Consider the weather – wind can spread sparks.



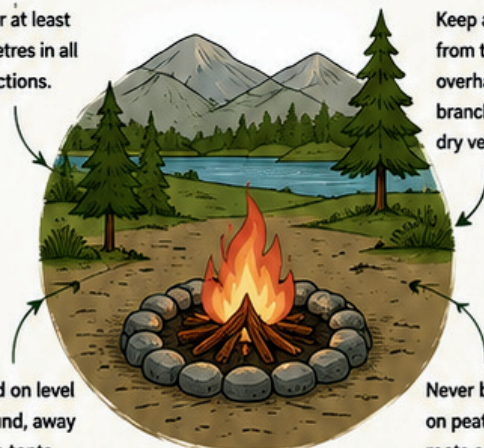
Keep a bucket of water, sand or a fire extinguisher nearby.



Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

2. CHOOSE A SAFE SPOT

Clear at least 3 metres in all directions.



Keep away from trees, overhanging branches and dry vegetation.

Build on level ground, away from tents and shelters.

Never build on peat, grass, roots or near cliffs and drops.

← 3 METRES →

3. BUILD IT SAFELY



Use a fire ring where provided or build a small ring of stones.



Keep the fire small. You don't need a huge fire to stay warm.



Use dry wood and kindling. Never use treated wood, painted wood or pallets.



Never strip bark or damage living trees. Use dead and fallen wood only.

4. USE IT RESPONSIBLY



Stay with your fire at all times.



Keep children and pets well back.



Watch the wind – sparks travel far.



Don't throw aerosol cans, glass or plastics on the fire. They can explode or release toxic fumes.



Use stable cooking stands. Keep pans and handles secure.



Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Avoid loose or synthetic materials.

5. PUT IT OUT – COMPLETELY



A FIRE IS ONLY OUT WHEN IT IS COOL TO TOUCH.

- 1 Let the fire burn down safely.
- 2 Drown the embers with water.
- 3 Stir the ashes and embers.
- 4 Add more water.
- 5 Stir again and repeat.
- 6 Check with the back of your hand. If it's too hot to touch – it's not out.
- 7 Leave no evidence of your fire.



NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME.



IF A FIRE ESCAPES

- ✓ Raise the alarm – shout for help.
- ✓ Call 999 and ask for Fire & Rescue Service.
- ✓ Move people to safety.
- ✓ If safe to do so, beat the edges of the fire with a coat, blanket or use water/sand.
- ✓ Never put yourself at risk.

6. LEAVE NO TRACE



Burn all wood and charcoal to ash.



Scatter the cold ashes widely and thinly.



Take all rubbish and leftover food with you.



Leave the site as you found it or better.

GOOD CAMPFIRE ETIQUETTE



Be considerate of others – keep noise down.



Respect quiet times and other campers.



Share the fire and take turns cooking.



No alcohol or drugs around the fire.



Enjoy the moment and look out for each other.



BE PREPARED. BE CAREFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE.

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