



Camp Fire Advice

Campfires can be very enjoyable but equally they are potentially dangerous areas. The activity often takes place at night in crowded and low-light conditions.

1. Before setting up a campfire; survey the area and identify any potential hazards.
2. Check the ground and surrounding area so that access is free of low, branches, trip and that the seats do not have any nails or splinters protruding.
3. To deal with an emergency, ensure there are strong torches, a first aid kit and sufficient water to douse the fire if necessary.
4. Be aware of the prevailing wind and sit members of the group away smoke and potential sparks. Continuously monitor this situation as the camp fire progresses.
5. Ensure people do not bring flammable clothes or blankets too close to the fire.
6. Construct the campfire in a low pyramid with tinder inside it. **DO NOT USE PETROL, PARAFFIN, METHYLATED SPIRIT OR ANY OTHER ACCELERANT TO START THE CAMPFIRE.** Do not use the fire to burn rubbish.
7. Keep the fire small and low for safety and so it cannot cause any damage to trees or surrounding area. Keep everyone a safe distance from the fire.
8. Use wood wisely. Only allow an adult to add wood to the fire.
9. Take care if cooking on the camp fire eg marshmallows. There must be adult supervision at all times.
10. After the campfire has ended it must be monitored until only glowing embers are left.
11. Return to the campfire before turning in for the night. In the morning return once more and clear the fire base spreading cold ashes sensibly in the woodland surrounding the camp fire circle.