



Campfire Safety

Whether roasting marshmallows or sitting up late to tell ghost stories, a campfire is a comforting and enjoyable way to spend time together. However, a fire should always be handled with caution. It's essential to be smart when dealing with open flames. Here are three ways to stay safe around the campfire:

- 1. Choose the campfire spot wisely.** If possible, always use a fire pit designed for proper fire containment. Campfires should be located at least 15 feet away from any buildings, tents, or shrubs.
- 2. Keep the area clear.** There should be 10 feet of cleared space around the campfire, so remove any branches or debris. Keep all clutter clear of the site. And, of course, watch the kids closely. It's never too early to teach them how to be safe around a fire.
- 3. Douse the fire correctly at the end of the evening.** Pour water over the fire until all coals are extinguished. Once the fire is completely out, stir the ash and test by carefully holding your hand above the area to be sure there is no residual heat. Repeat the process if needed.

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