

Campsite Fire Safety Check

Turn the fire into somebody's named responsibility, with the before-and-after checks recorded — particularly where a group or other people's children are involved.

The checks made before lighting a fire and before leaving it, recorded — for groups, sites and anybody responsible for other people.

THE SITE'S RULES, CHECKED ON THE DAY

No distances, clearances, ground conditions or local rules are printed on this sheet, because they differ by country, by site, by season and by how dry the last fortnight has been. The site owner, the landowner and the local fire service set the rules. Write them at the top and check them every time — a fire ban can arrive overnight.

Site or location	Date	Group	Person responsible
Fires permitted here?		Rules and restrictions in force today, and where checked	

BEFORE LIGHTING

☐ Permission confirmed for today, not just in general	
☐ Fire ban or restriction checked today	
☐ Wind checked, and it is acceptable for this site	
☐ Ground and surroundings assessed by the responsible person	
☐ Existing fire ring or pit used where one is provided	
☐ Water and a means of smothering to hand before lighting	
☐ Fuel is from a permitted source and stacked away from the fire	
☐ Nothing overhanging that can catch	
☐ Everyone present knows who is responsible	
☐ Escape route from the fire area is clear	

BEFORE LEAVING OR SLEEPING

☐ Fire allowed to burn down rather than being smothered while hot	
☐ Doused with water, not just soil	
☐ Ashes stirred and doused again	

- ☐ Ashes cold to the back of the hand
- ☐ Surrounding ground checked for embers
- ☐ Site left as found and litter removed

Fire out and cold at

Checked by

Signature

Notes, incidents, and anything the site or landowner asked for