



CAMP FIRE ADVICE

Campfires can be very enjoyable but equally they are potentially dangerous areas, where 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 hazards and that the seats do not have any nails or splinters protruding.
- 3 To deal with an emergency, ensure there are electric 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 from smoke and potential sparks.
- 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 fire. Do not use the fire to burn rubbish.
- 7 Keep the fire small and low for safety and so that it cannot cause any damage to the trees or surrounding area. Keep everyone a safe distance from the fire.
- 8 Use wood wisely, burn only seasoned timber to avoid sparks.
- 9 Do not use the Campfire for cooking particularly anything on a stick.
- 10 After use the Campfire must be monitored until only the glowing embers are left.
- 11 Return to the campfire in the morning and clear the fire base spreading cold ashes sensibly in the woodland surrounding the camp fire circle.