

# FIRE SAFETY RULES

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1. Follow the rules of your campsite. Some places do not allow ground fires. Ask if you don't know the rules.
2. Before building the fire, clear an area 10 feet in diameter. Remove leaves, sticks, and other burnable materials. Remove any rocks bigger than a fist.
3. Don't build a fire under a shrub or low hanging branches. Don't build it on tree roots.
4. Don't light the fire until you have permission from an adult.
5. Never leave the fire unattended.
6. Don't make the fire too big. A small fire is perfect for toasting marshmallows and sitting around talking.
7. Stay at least three feet away from the fire unless you have to get closer to cook something.
8. What goes in the fire, stays in the fire. Don't put something in the fire and then take it back out. The end will be very hot and somebody could get burnt.
9. Don't poke the fire needlessly or throw things in the fire. This could cause sparks to fly out. Nobody wants sparks in their face.
10. Have a means to extinguish a fire nearby. If some sparks fly off your fire and start another fire, you might have to act quickly. A shovel and a bucket of sand or a bucket of water is ideal.
11. Make sure the fire is dead out before you leave it. This means that you can put your hand where the fire was and not feel any heat. Use a shovel to disperse the ashes and coals and then sprinkle them with water until they are cool.