

Summer Is The Time For Safe Camping

Camping is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you “rough it” and stay in a tent or go by luxury motor home, if your family goes camping this summer, be sure to know and follow these safety rules:

Camping Safety Tips

- Always use a flame retardant tent and set up camp far away from the campfire
- Build your campfire away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps or logs, dry grass and leaves.
- Do not use a charcoal-burning barbecue grill inside a tent. The fumes from burning charcoal can put a poison gas into the air.
- Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space, not liquid-filled heaters or lanterns.
- Always build your campfire down wind away from your tent.
- Clear all vegetation around your campfire for 2 to 3.5 metres. Dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building your campfire.
- Store liquid fire starter (not gasoline) away from your tent and campfire and only use dry kindling to freshen a campfire.
- Never leave a campfire unattended. Always put out a campfire when going to sleep or leaving the campsite.
- To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it . Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet
- A clean litter-free camp maximizes safety for all.

Additional information available from the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org)

