

# TENT SAFETY



## Fact.

**On average there are almost 100 caravan fires in Scotland every year.** Fire can destroy a tent in less than 60 seconds.

### > TENT SAFETY

- Fire can destroy a tent in less than 60 seconds.
- Never use candles in or near a tent – torches are safer.
- Cook a safe distance from the tent walls as they could easily catch fire.
- Never cook inside a small tent.
- Never cook near long grass or flammable materials which can quickly ignite.
- Don't smoke inside tents.
- Make sure you know how to cut your way out of the tent to escape if there is a fire.
- Make sure everyone knows how to put out clothing that's on fire – stop, drop and roll.

### > SITE SAFETY

- Ensure caravans and tents are at least 6 metres apart and well away from parked cars. This will help reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Make sure you know the campsite's fire safety arrangements and check where the nearest telephone is.
- Keep a mobile phone handy for use in emergencies.

### > BARBEQUE SAFETY

- Avoid alcohol if you are in charge of a barbeque.
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- Never take a portable barbeque – or lit charcoal – into an enclosed space like a tent or caravan.
- Never leave a barbeque unattended.
- Make sure your barbeque site is flat and well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.
- Use enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbeque, but not more (normally around 5cm or 2 inches).
- Do not dispose of ashes from camp fires or barbeques until they are cold to the touch.
- Hot ashes can melt a plastic wheelie bin and can also cause a fire.
- After cooking, make sure the barbeque is cool before moving it.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light your barbeque; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on cold coals.



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