



## Take care around fire

We all love fires, lanterns and candles at camp, but we need to be aware that at camp fire presents probably the greatest risk to both adults and children in terms of injury. We should all take particular responsibility for our own safety and that of others around fire and flames.

Parents and carers are asked to take particular care of children in the area of an open fire, fire pit or candles, and the rest of the community should always be aware of their needs and safe keeping too. Young people should not take responsibility for attention fires without adult supervision.

Adult campers in a circle are both responsible for maintenance, care and safety of their circle fire. Keep fires small enough to be manageable, and maintain according to need, this is both safer and environmentally sensible. A large fire in an empty circle is both likely extremely hazardous and wasteful. In windy conditions sparks could travel and become a hazard to campers and their tents, you are asked to be aware of this hazard and to tend circles fires appropriately in these conditions.

Remember that the fire pit can remain hot for a long time after the flames have died down.

It is extremely dangerous to wear Nylon or other flammable clothing near to fires and we would ask all campers to take care that they do not do so.

The quickest way of extinguishing burning clothes is by smothering, either by rolling on the ground or with a thick blanket or rug.

Many of us will have gas canisters in our camping equipment. Remember that these can explode when exposed to heat or fire. Always follow manufacturer's guidelines for use and disposal.

Sign Circle does not recommend the use of meths or similarly fuelled stoves at camp, particularly by people who are not experienced in their operation.

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire buckets are available in each fire circle area and all campers should make themselves and their family/group aware for their location. Fire blanket are located in Information Tent.

In the event of fire, the person finding the fire should raise the alarm by attention signing '**FIRE, FIRE, FIRE**' others should relay this call until the all site is aware. Site Crew will attend if appropriate, everyone else to leave the area. The safe fire evacuation point is behind the gate by the road area towards to Lower Lane.

We do have first/emergency aiders on camp but a serious burn needs fast medical attention, and in these circumstances a **999** call must be considered by anyone present.

We are at **Longridge Showground, Lower Lane, Longridge, Preston, PR3 3PQ**