



# Camping Safety

## Camping Safety

### Campfires

- Secure necessary permits to build a campfire at [readyforwildfire.org/permits](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits).
- Locate campfire a safe distance from tents, trees, or buildings.
- Scrape away grass and needles within 5 feet of the campfire's edge.
- Be sure campfire is out before leaving the area.
- Wear snug fitting clothing around campfires.
- Supervise children closely around a campfire.
- Teach everyone to **stop, drop, and roll**.

### Recreational Vehicles

- Use only electric or battery lights in RVs.
- Clean and maintain appliances, gas connections, and fume vents.
- When using propane appliances, light a match before turning on gas.
- Place portable heaters away from combustibles.
- Do not block exit ways.
- Extinguish smoking materials before going to sleep.
- Teach children to operate emergency escape hatches.
- Keep a fire extinguisher by the exit door, and install a battery operated smoke detector.
- Prepare and practice a fire escape plan.
- In case of fire while driving, turn off the ignition and evacuate the vehicle.

### Flammable Liquids

- Use flammable liquids only for intended purpose.
- Fill lanterns and stoves away from heat sources.
- Use a funnel; clean spills immediately.
- Store flammable liquids outside, away from tent or RV.
- Store in approved metal safety can.
- Transport only minimal amounts in well ventilated area.

### Tents

- Buy only a flame-resistant tent.
- Clear a 3-foot area around tent site.
- Keep lanterns and open flames outside of the tent.
- Extinguish fires and turn off lanterns and stoves before going to bed.
- Keep a fire extinguisher inside the tent.
- Be prepared to cut your way out of the tent if a fire occurs.

