



# Campfires

Outdoor activities/outings often involve campfires. Ensure they are safely built and maintained.

- Check to make sure campfires are allowed in the camping area.
- Build the fire within an existing fire ring.
- Sticks should be no longer than a forearm and no wider around than a wrist.
- Keep the fire small, no higher than 18".
- Keep a pot of water nearby and never leave the campfire unattended.
- Burn all wood to ash and pour water over the fire and stir with a stick when the fire is out to ensure the fire is "out cold". You should feel comfortable putting your hand in the ash since it is cold.
- Additional campfire information:
  1. [Safety Tips for Campfires](#) (Indiana Extension website)
  2. [Campfire Safety](#) (Smokey the Bear website)

