

Outdoor Fire Safety Guidance



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IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE;

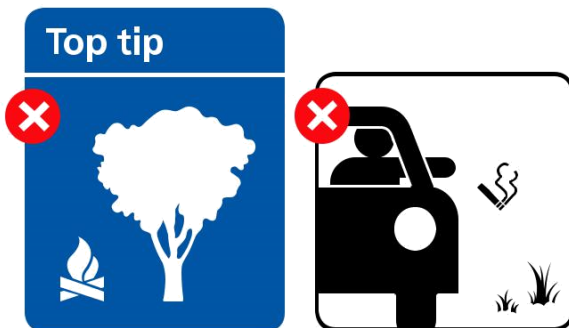
- NEVER TRY AND DEAL WITH THE FIRE YOURSELF
- TELL OTHERS IN THE AREA WHO MAY BE AT RISK
- LEAVE THE AREA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
- CALL THE Fire Service at 999/112 AND GIVE THEM THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE FIRE WITH A LANDMARK SUCH AS A FARM, PUB OR MAIN ROAD. THIS WILL HELP THEM LOCATE THE FIRE QUICKLY
- KEEP ACCESS POINTS AND FOREST ENTRANCES CLEAR FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES
- REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY YOU OBSERVE TO AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA.

Fire safety doesn't stop when you leave the house. This leaflet will help to keep you safe whilst enjoying the outdoors

Countryside Safety

**Do not light open fires
in the countryside**

- Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water – leave the area as soon as possible.
- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows – they could start a fire.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, dial 999/112



Barbecue Safety

Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.

- Never use a barbecue indoors or in a tent.
- Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.
- Make sure your barbecue is on a solid non-combustible surface well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- In the countryside or public park areas, only use in specially designated areas.
- Keep children, pets and garden games away from the cooking area.
- After cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before moving it.
- Always ensure the barbecue is cold before placing into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire. Use water to cool it, if unsure.

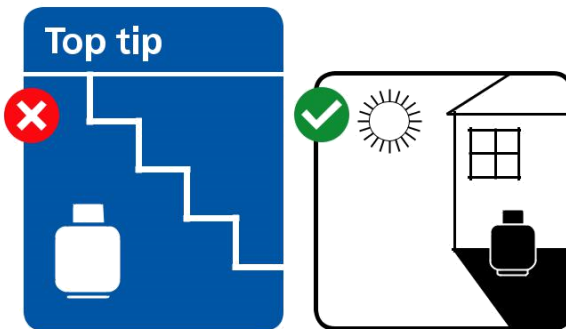
Top tip



Gas barbecues

Never store gas cylinders under the stairs – if there is a fire they might explode and block your escape route.

- Store gas cylinders outside, away from direct sunlight and frost.
- Take care when turning bottled gas barbecues on and off.
- Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
- After cooking, turn the gas supply off first and then the barbecue control. This will stop any gas from leaking.
- If you suspect a leak, turn off the gas cylinder and try brushing soapy water around all joints, watching for bubbles.
- Make sure all joints are tightened, safe and secure.
- Change gas cylinders outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.



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