

BUSHFIRE WHY RISK IT?

FACT SHEET

Campfires in Tasmania

Campfires can turn into bushfires. Make sure you know if, when and where you can light a campfire and how to stay safe.



Can I light a campfire?



In a [Total Fire Ban](#), campfires must **not** be lit.



In a [Fire Permit Period](#), check whether you are allowed to light campfires where you are.

Check for seasonal campfire bans in national parks and reserves at parks.tas.gov.au.

Make sure you are complying with local council by-laws and [environmental regulations](#).



At all times, only light campfires on your own property or somewhere you know you have permission.



Follow the tips on this fact sheet to keep everyone safe.

Visit the website for more

 fire.tas.gov.au

General information line

 1800 000 699

Interpreter

 13 14 50

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If campfires are permitted, follow these tips:

- Check signage in case the local rules are different (e.g. in national parks and other reserves).
- Only light your campfire in clear space, at least three metres away from overhanging branches, stumps, logs, trees and other flammable materials.
- Do not light your campfire on peat soils or grassed sand dunes.
- Only burn wood (not tyres, paint or plastics).
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Watch children around fire at all times.
- Have plenty of water close to your campfire to put it out or stop it spreading.
- After use, make sure your campfire is completely out.
- SOAK IT. STIR IT. SOAK IT AGAIN.
- Only use water to extinguish your campfire, not soil or sand. Fire can smoulder and stay hot under soil and sand for hours or days.
- Have someone stay with your campfire until it is completely out.

First aid for burns:



Prevent: Make sure everyone is staying clear of your campfire.



Remove: Remove yourself from danger and remove any jewellery or clothing from near the burn, unless it is stuck to the skin.



Cool: Place the burn under cool, gently running water for at least 20 minutes. Do not use ice, ointments or anything else on burns.



Cover: Cover burns with a clean dressing or towel.



Seek: Seek medical help as soon as possible for any burn that blisters. For serious burns call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

CRIME STOPPERS
com.au
1800 333 000

If you see any suspicious activity involving fire, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

If you have an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

- Ask for Fire, Police or Ambulance.
- Stay calm, don't shout, speak slowly and clearly.
- When asked, give as much detail about your location as you can.

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EMERGENCY



For assistance:

- 📞 [National Relay Service accesshub.gov.au](https://www.accesshub.gov.au)
- 📞 [Expression Australia Auslan Emergency Interpreter app expression.com.au](https://www.expression.com.au)