

GENERAL CAMP SAFETY

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Remember the camp rules state that all injuries must be reported to the duty warden or camp staff immediately
Read and follow the campsite rules

Burns & Scalds

- Make sure that pots and pans are stable whilst on fires or stoves
- Make sure that surfaces on which you put gas/paraffin stoves or barbecues are rigid, able to take the weight of stove and full pot, and not likely to tip up
- Place temporary cooking facilities [stoves or fires] in a safe place, avoid paths and areas where someone could suddenly bump into them, i.e. round corners
- Refuel paraffin and petrol stoves or lanterns away from sources of ignition remembering that vapours can carry some considerable distance. Refilling should be done at least 4 metres away from where you are going to light them.
- Store paraffin, petrol and meths in proper containers, keep the lids or caps on and store away from sources of heat including sunlight.
- Wear suitable [not loose] clothing when using stoves or fires including footwear.
- Don't reach over naked flames
- If using open fires be aware of wind direction and speed. Especially in squally conditions
- Provide adult supervision of possible or consider training of Patrol leaders prior to camp.
- Use only torches in or near tents not paraffin or gas lamps
- Do not carry pans of hot contents that are too heavy, get help. Check that you are carrying them the least possible distance and that the way is clear of obstacles and other people.
- Make sure the wind is blowing away from you when lighting barbecues or fires
- Keep cooking fires, stoves and barbecues away from over hanging obstructions and away from tents and buildings
- Do not use methylated spirits, paraffin or petrol to light fires, if necessary use fire lighters
- Dispose of charcoal and fire embers only after they have cooled down completely. The camp staff will advise where to dispose of them
- When lighting appliances and stoves etc. do so at arms length to avoid it fleeing into your face

Slips, Trips and Falls

- Avoid pitching tents in places where guy ropes would pass over pathways
- Mark tent guys with bright tape
- Paint ground pegs with fluorescent paint [also makes them more visible and less likely to be lost]
- Plan out your camp to avoid having guys in the way of the natural movement for example between food stores and kitchen
- Ensure boundary markings are kept at waist height and mark with bright tape, not just laid out in sisal at floor level
- Keep wood piles tidy and campsite free from rubbish. Put away equipment when you have finished with it. Clear unnecessary trip hazards away from the camp site
- Beware of slipping on wet grass.
- At night, particularly with no moon light, always use a torch to show the way.

Cuts & Lacerations

- All users of knives, axes and saws must be trained in their use
- Always mask axes and saws when not in use
- When carry axes, saws and sharp tools they must always be masked or sheathed, preferably in specially designed cases/sheaves/guards
- Provide storage for cooking knives and sharp utensils when not in use
- Wear suitable clothing when using axes and saws particularly stout footwear. Make sure clothes are not baggy so they do not get caught in the tool or adjacent objects.
- Don't play around with personal knives, they are rarely necessary and better left at home
- Consider using leather gloves when handling things that could contain nails and splinters, e.g. pallets

Equipment

- Check all equipment before coming to camp particularly after winter storage
- Check for cleanliness, wicks, safety devices, valves and seals all stoves and lanterns
- Make sure axes and saws are clean and have the appropriate guards and sheaths
- Check tents and ground sheets for damage and mildew
- Check cooking equipment for cleanliness and safe handles
- Check ropes, they should be clean, free from mould, ends un-frayed and not worn. If in doubt throw them out
- Particular attention should be given to protective and safety equipment required for activities

Insects

- Wasps and bees are normal in camp and will not harm you if you leave them alone. They will get angry if you try to swat them. They will rarely sting, and this is not normally dangerous, although it can be painful. If however you are stung many times or are allergic to stings, then you must seek help immediately. All stings or bites should be reported to the duty bailiff
- Mosquito type insects can be dissuaded from biting by using insect repellent sprays or ointments and by covering up bare skin
- Rodents, squirrels, foxes and other mammals, insects will be attracted by food left lying about and by the smells from your food stores. Keep your site clean and your food well protected. Destroy any food that shows signs of vermin damage.
- Flies are spreaders of illness and disease keep them off food. But do not use fly sprays near food. Think cleanliness!

General

- Don't do anything that is above your ability. If you have doubts then speak to a leader
- Get plenty of rest, running about at camp is exhausting. Accidents are more likely to occur when you are tired
- If you are too hot, too cold, or you or your equipment is wet, seek the advice of your scout leader or the duty warden.
- There is plenty to do; boredom has no place in the camp.
- Be prepared for any kind weather

Personal Hygiene

- Remember camping is a physical, enjoyable activity not an excuse for not washing or brushing your teeth. Personal hygiene is even more important under camp conditions than it is at home. Only if you remember this will you remain in good health to enjoy yourselves

TRAFFIC SAFETY

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- # All traffic on the site will obey the 10 mph speed limit
- # Traffic will keep to the left of the roads
- # The one way system for entry and exit to the site will be enforced
- # In garages and repair sheds engines will not be run unless arrangements are made for fume extraction.
- # All vehicles will park in designated areas
- # No vehicles will leave the hard standing and go onto grassed areas without the permission of the duty warden.
- # Any vehicles leaking oil or fuel must be removed from the site.
- # Normal road traffic rules and regulations will apply e.g. seat belts
- # Vehicles must not be overloaded
- # Vehicles must not be used for anything that they are not intended i.e. as tugs or winches