

# BE BURN AWARE!

## Keep Children Safe OUTDOORS

Outdoor fun should be about making memories –  
not burn injuries – so stay mindful and **PLAY IT SAFE.**



### CAMPFIRES

Campfires are great for s'mores and stories, but they can be dangerous if you're not careful. Here's how to stay safe:

- **Never use gasoline or lighter fluid** to start a fire – they can cause flare-ups.
- **Bring campfires away from buildings, trees and anything that can burn.**
- **Make a “no-go zone”** at least 3 feet wide so children know where it's safe.
- **Fires stay hot long after flames are out** – ashcans and buried coals can still be hot enough to cause burns. Douse with water, stir and soak again until cool. Never bury hot coals in sand.



### GRILLS

Grilling is fun and tasty, but fire and heat can be dangerous. Keep your cookout safe with these tips:

- **Only use grills outside and far away** from houses, trees or anything that could catch fire.
- **Never use gasoline on a charcoal grill** and keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- **Don't use paper towels, napkins or plates near the flames** – they can catch fire quickly.
- **Open the lid before turning on the gas.** A closed lid can trap gas and cause a big flare up when lit.



### SNEAKY OUTDOOR HAZARDS

Some outdoor burn risks aren't so easy to spot. Watch out for these hidden dangers:

- **Mulch piles can catch fire** when the weather is really hot, dry or windy. Keep piles small and out of direct sunlight.
- **Playgrounds can get super hot!** Metal and dark plastic equipment can burn skin, so always check equipment before children play.
- **In wildfire-prone areas, stay alert.** Watch for warnings and have a family safety plan just in case you need to leave quickly.
- **Lawn equipment like mowers and trimmers can stay hot** long after use – let them cool before touching or storing.



### FIRE PITS

Fire pits are cozy and fun for cool nights, but even a small flame can be risky without the right precautions:

- **Set up fire pits far from houses, decks and trees.**
- **Always have an adult watching the fire** and never leave it unattended.
- **Create a 3-foot safety zone** around the fire that kids know not to enter.
- **Extinguish the fire completely** by using water, stirring the ashes, and checking that the area is cool. Never assume it's out just because the flames are gone.



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