



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- Camping Fire and Burn Safety -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. June 7, 2011 – When camping out away from home, exercise special care with flammable liquids and open flames near tents. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people that when camping out, take the following precautions:

- √ Use a tent made of flame-retardant fabric.
- √ Use a flashlight.
- √ Build your fire downwind, far away from your tent. Make sure the fire is properly extinguished when unattended.
- √ An extinguisher tool (i.e. shovel, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, etc.) is a must for every camper's equipment. It could be a lifesaver.
- √ Heat producing appliances (i.e. lights, heaters, cooking appliances) should never be used in a tent.
- √ Campers carrying fuel for propane/gasoline type stoves in their car trunk should take the precaution of opening the trunk periodically to ventilate the compartment.
- √ Never add a flammable liquid to a fire or hot coals. Explosions can result.
- √ **All fire laws ordinances and regulations should be strictly observed prior to building a fire.**
- √ Adults should always supervise their children around fires.

Please use these precautions for campfire safety:

Select a safe site

- √ Use a designated fire pit.

Build a safe fire

- √ Have water readily available prior to building your fire. Never use flammable liquids to start a campfire.
- √ Children should never build a fire without adult supervision

Extinguish your fire safely

- √ Before you leave make sure the fire is out
- √ Never leave a fire unattended

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people that a little extra caution is well worth taking on any camping trip to make it fun and safe for you and your family.

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