



Campfires can easily escape and start a bushfire

- Think about using fuels other than wood for cooking while camping
- Understand the campfire and barbecue rules before you visit our forests and parks
- Your campfire is your responsibility. You are legally responsible for ensuring that it is safe, does not escape, and is completely put out before you leave.

Information sources

- Check the long range weather forecast before you leave via bom.gov.au
- Find out about Total Fire Bans via:
 - VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226
 - emergency.vic.gov.au
 - Vic Emergency App

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Can I? Can't I?

Campfires
and Barbecues

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Before you go

- Pack a **bucket**
- Make sure you have access to **water**
- Check the **weather**
- Find out if there is a **total fire ban** where you plan to visit

Arriving at the campsite

Building your campfire/solid fuel barbecue

Digging holes and collecting rocks can impact on local environments so:

- Use the designated fireplace
- Make sure there is nothing that could catch fire within 3 metres of your fireplace
- If there is no fireplace, dig a hole 30cm deep and line it with rocks or other non flammable materials



Safe fires are:

- 3 metres away from your camp and stores
- 1 square metre in size, and
- have logs/branches less than 1 metre in length

You can use liquid, gas or briquettes, wood barbecues

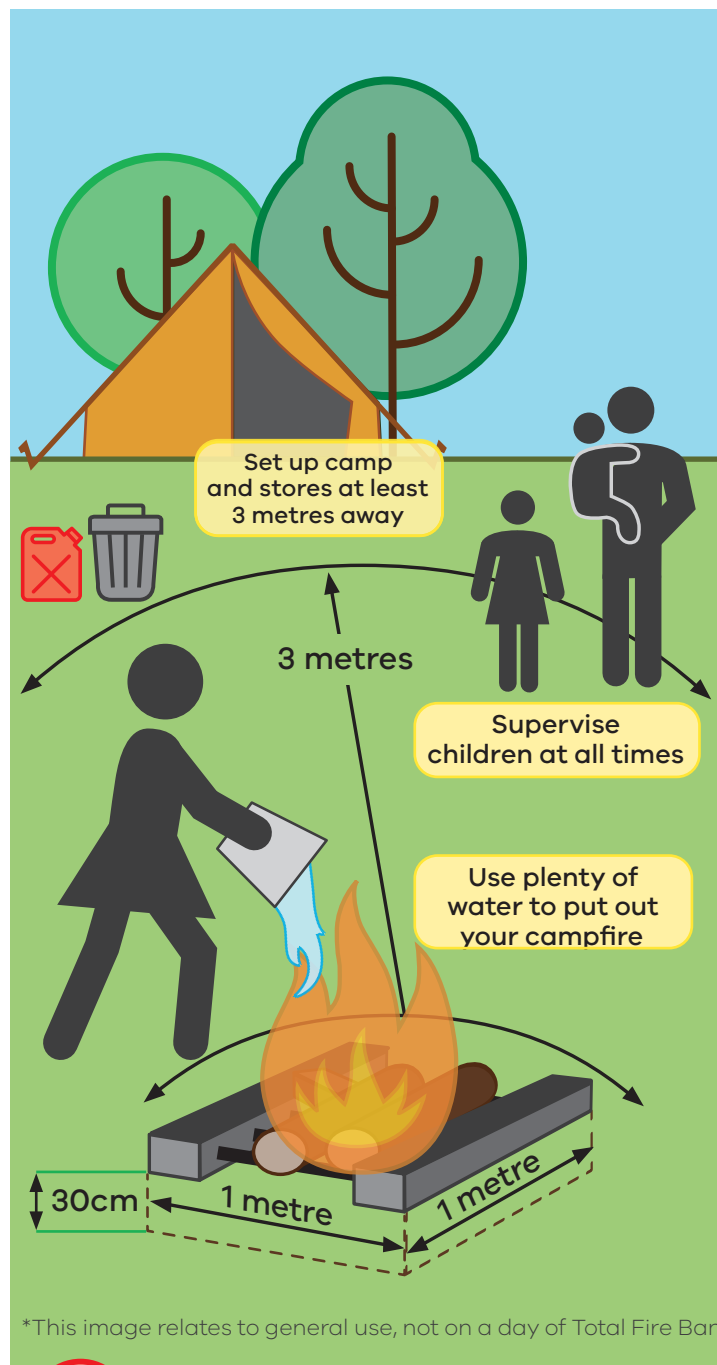
- Make sure there is nothing that could catch fire within 1.5 metres of your barbecue

While you are camping

- A responsible adult **must watch** the campfire or barbecue at all times
- **If it's hot or windy, do not light** a campfire or barbecue
- If you leave the campsite for any reason put out your campfire, even if you plan to come back.

Leaving the campsite

- Fill up your **bucket with water** and use it to put out your campfire
- When the **ashes are cool to touch** it is safe to leave



Do not put glass, aluminium, plastic, rubbish or food scraps into your campfire. Please take these home with you. Leaving these items at your campsite is littering and subject to on the spot fines.

Total fire ban days

Total fire ban days =
**no campfires, including
the use of wood, briquettes,
heat beads.**



- Find out if a Total Fire Ban is in place
- Call the Vic Emergency Hotline on **1800 226 226**
- Download the **Vic Emergency App** or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

You can use a permanent gas or electric barbecue if it is:

- Built of stone, metal concrete, or another **non flammable material**
- Designed and manufactured **only for meal preparation** (including portable barbecues)
- Stays in a **stable position** when in use

When using the barbecue, you must:

- Only use it to cook a meal
- Make sure there is nothing that can catch fire within **3 metres** of the barbecue
- **Supervise** the barbecue at all times and make sure you can put it out if necessary
- Have a hose connected to a water supply or **10L of water**
- Ensure the barbecue is **completely out** before you leave

In National and State Parks, campfires and barbecues may only be lit in properly constructed fireplaces provided. Visitors are not permitted to construct their own fireplaces.