

# The FireSmart™ Campfire

You never know when a fire can ignite. But, if you're FireSmart™, you have a better chance of saving your home, yard, outbuildings – even your family and yourself.

With awareness and safe practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has prepared this and other fact sheets as companion pieces to the FireSmart™ video series, which provides information regarding fire safety and helps you reduce the risks of wildfire to your property.

**There are only two causes of wildfire: lightning and people. We can't do anything about lightning, but we can avoid accidentally starting a wildfire.**



## 1. Ensure it isn't too windy, hot, or dry outside

- Fires are harder to control on windy days.
- Fires are more likely to start and spread quickly in hot, dry conditions.

## 2. Build your campfire in a barbecue pit or stand when it's provided

- Campground fire pits are made to prevent your campfire from getting out of control.



## 3. In the wild, build your campfires on rock, clay or sand

- Clear away all surface debris within one metre of your campfire.
- Limit the size of your fire and always supervise it.

#### 4. Keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby

- Having equipment readily available for quick use can prevent your fire from escaping.



#### 5. Use lots of water to put out your fire

- Float and stir your coals - add enough water so that the coals are fully submerged.

#### 6. Double check the coals before you leave

- Check the coals for heat - coals should be cool to the touch.



**Negligence can result in a dangerous wildfire.**

**Don't forget, if your fire gets out of control, you could be responsible for covering any resulting damages.**

For advice on fire safety or ways to lessen the risk of wildfires, please check out [saskpublicsafety.ca](https://saskpublicsafety.ca) or get in touch with your nearby Protection Area Office.