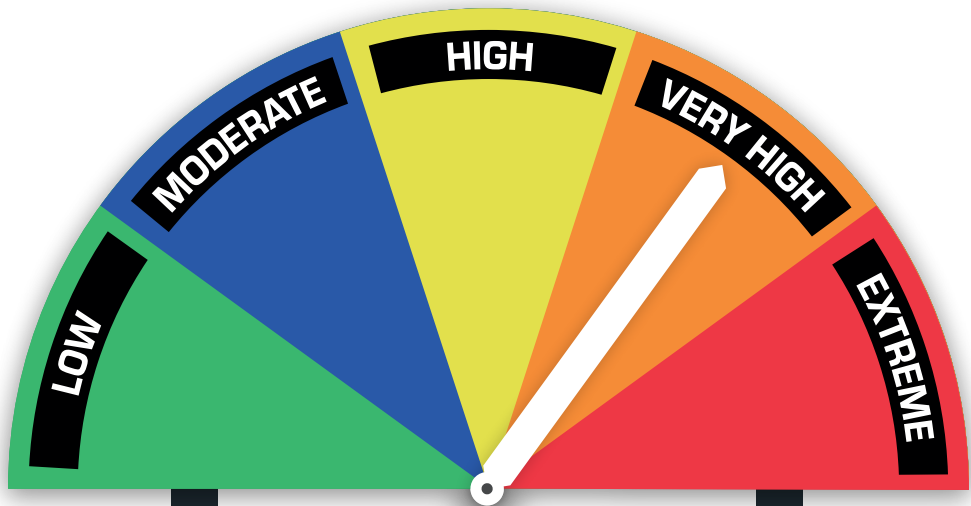


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Learn how to stay fire safe this summer (see back)



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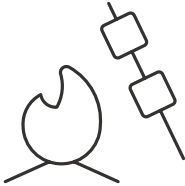
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## Beach bonfires



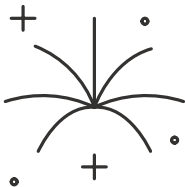
- Check the weather conditions and check to see if you need a fire permit and any additional council rules.
- Choose a safe site that is sheltered and away from anything flammable or vegetation that could catch fire.
- Never light a bonfire on peaty soil – fires lit on peaty soil are difficult to extinguish completely and they can flare up long after your fire is out, causing a wildfire.
- Keep a method to extinguish nearby, such as a bucket of water. Extinguish the fire completely when finished.
- Don't bury a bonfire with sand or soil, use water to extinguish it. Bonfires covered with sand can keep burning and can lead to other people getting burnt if they walk across it.

## Campfires



- Check the weather conditions and check to see if you need a fire permit and any additional council or campground rules.
- Choose a site away from anything flammable. If you are planning on cooking on your campfire and you are staying at a campground, you should use the designated cooking areas for your campfire.
- Clear a 3-metre space and keep it less than half a metre high and wide to prevent it getting out of control.
- Never leave it unattended. Make sure to extinguish the campfire with lots of water and then mix the ashes with soil once they are completely cool. Always check that it is properly extinguished.

## Fireworks



- Fireworks pose a high fire risk and have been known to cause wildfires. Check the weather conditions before you plan to use fireworks. Never light fireworks in windy or dry conditions, or when the Fire Danger Index is Very High or Extreme.
- Refer to your local bylaws for rules around fireworks in your area. In many places, you are only allowed to light fireworks on private property. If you are lighting fireworks, do it in a wide open area, away from anything that could catch fire. Keep a bucket of water handy and always soak used fireworks in water before disposing of them.
- When the fire risk is very high, fireworks can be temporarily banned under Section 52 of the Fire and Emergency Act.

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