

## Safety Tip of the Month: Campfire Safety

### **Did you know?**

Over half of the forest fires in this country are caused by human beings. Two of the ways you can help prevent forest fires are proper campfire building and match safety. Ready to roast that marshmallow, cook that meal, or tell stories around that campfire? Make sure that you follow these campfire safety rules:

**Match Safety Tip:** Don't ever play with matches. If you find matches, or see a younger child playing with matches, give them to a grown-up!

### **Campfire Building Safety Tips:**

1. Dig a pit away from overhanging branches.
2. Circle the pit with rocks.
3. Clear a 5-foot area around the pit down to the soil.
4. Stack extra wood up-wind and away from fire.
5. After lighting, do not discard the match until it is cold.
6. **Never** leave a campfire unattended!
7. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.

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