



Topic: - What are the risks – Outdoor Safety

Are you aware of the Fire that occurred in your area?



**DON'T BE
BLAMED FOR
THE FLAMES**

Following the weekend's good weather fire crews within Western Service Delivery Group have responded to 8 Secondary Fires which ranged from small grass fires, outdoor bin fire and smouldering camp fires.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service want our community to enjoy the outdoors but more importantly we want them to enjoy it safely without putting others at risk.

Outdoor Safety

Grass fire prevention

Every year fire is responsible for the destruction of thousands of acres of countryside. There are a lot of things that you can avoid doing to help prevent fires when you are in the countryside:

- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly and disposed of in dedicated bins
- Take your rubbish home or put it in a nearby bin
- Don't leave glass bottles lying on the ground. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire
- Don't have open fires or BBQ's in the countryside – they can easily set fire to the ground and spread - **Please note that there is a total ban in the use of a BBQ or in setting a campfire on all Forestry Commission Land**
- Keep matches and lighters out of children and young peoples' reach and talk to them about the dangers of starting fires outside.

If you find a fire in the countryside or in any outdoor space don't attempt to tackle it, call 999 and ask for the Fire Service immediately. Pass on as much information about the location as possible, use the app **What 3 Words** if you have it to pinpoint the exact spot

If you see a campfire or BBQ which has spread to the ground or surrounding area then please call 999 and ask for the fire service immediately.

What you can do to help



We need your eyes to assist us in keeping our community safe, please share our safety tips with your friends and family and should you observe any of the behaviours listed above or observe any suspicious behaviour please report it to Crime Stoppers or your local Police.

Our aim is to prevent any fires from re-occurring this spring or this summer that could have a devastating impact on our community's safety and enjoyment of our AONB

For further advice on Outdoor safety please contact our Prevent Team on 01785 898719 or via email: - WSDGPreventTeam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk.

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