

Campfire Safety

Enjoying these beautiful Alaska summer nights sitting by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- *Campfire in a designated fire ring, not self-made, do not require a burn permit on JBER but before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department and consult the local fire index.*
- *If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 10 feet away from any structure.*
- *Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy/dry.*
- *Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.*
- *Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.*
- *Keep a campfire small which is easier to control. Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.*
- *Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before disposing of ashes.*

FACT

Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.



Do Not:

- Burn inside your garage
- Burn when the wind exceeds 15mph
- Leave the fire unattended
- Discard hot coals into woods/trash



Any questions can be directed to the JBER Fire Prevention Office.

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