

On the site

Don't:

- ✗ Store fuel under your caravan.
- ✗ Let rubbish pile up in or around your caravan.

Do:

- ✓ Leave a gap of about 6 metres between caravans if there is no solid wall to stop a fire spreading.
- ✓ Park cars well clear of caravans.
- ✓ Keep roads clear for the fire service.
- ✓ Store empty gas cylinders away from caravans and cars.
- ✓ Find out what facilities are available on site for Fire Fighting and how they work.

Heaters

Be careful when you use electric, gas or oil heaters.

- Always use a spark guard with heaters.
- Do not use them near furniture, curtains or beds.
- Make sure they cannot be knocked over.
- Don't leave them on when you go to bed.
- Take care if pets are near the heaters.

In your caravan

- Don't block up air vents - it could be fatal.
- Keep a fire extinguisher by the door.
- Keep a first aid kit in the caravan.

Fire safety in caravans



FACTS!

- On average 46 people DIE each year in fires in Ireland.
- Fires do not always happen to other people.
- The next fire could be in your caravan.



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Be on your guard



Prevent fire

Don't:

- ✗ Use petrol or paraffin to light a solid fuel stove.
- ✗ Leave the room when there are candles burning.
- ✗ Leave young children alone near an open fire or cooker.
- ✗ Leave matches and lighters where children can get them.
- ✗ Smoke when you are in bed, tired or on medication.
- ✗ Leave the room when a chip or frying pan is on even for a minute.
- ✗ Overload electric sockets – one socket, one-plug.
- ✗ Use electric appliances that don't work.
- ✗ Run electrical appliances from a light socket.
- ✗ Use a heater or the cooker to dry clothes.

Make sure to:

- ✓ Clean your chimney and service your heating system at least once a year.
- ✓ Keep your gas cylinder outside, on solid ground and away from anything hot.
- ✓ Use a proper holder for candles.
- ✓ Empty ashtrays before you go to bed. Run the contents under the tap before you bin them.
- ✓ Keep a suitable fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the kitchen.
- ✓ Repair or replace faulty electrical appliances immediately
- ✓ Do a fire safety check before you go to bed.
- ✓ Close all doors at night.

Detect fire

Smoke alarms give you an early warning of a fire. 82% of fires that kill people are in homes with no working smoke alarm.

- ✓ Fit at **least** one smoke alarm.
- ✓ Test your smoke alarms once a week.
- ✓ Change the batteries every year.
- ✓ Change the battery right away when you hear the warning beep.

Escape

Know what to do when you hear a smoke alarm so you and your family can get out safely.

- ✓ Make an escape plan for your caravan and practise with everyone who lives with you.
- ✓ Plan two ways out in case one way is blocked by fire.
- ✓ Have a meeting point in a safe place outside the caravan.
- ✓ Keep your way out clear **day and night**.
- ✓ Keep the keys to doors and windows nearby.
- ✓ Know where the nearest phone is to call the fire service.

Call 999 or 112

- ✓ Ask for the fire service.
- ✓ Speak calmly and clearly.
- ✓ Give the address of the site and your phone number. If you use a mobile phone, say what county you are in.
- ✓ Only hang up when the operator tells you to.

Every night:

- ✓ Turn off gas appliances.
- ✓ Put out candles and naked flames.
- ✓ Place a spark guard in front of open fires.
- ✓ Empty all ashtrays.
- ✓ Keep your way out completely clear.
- ✓ Close all doors.

