

# Site Safety

## Never:

- ✗ Store fuel under caravans.
- ✗ Allow rubbish to build up in or around caravans.

## Make sure to:

- ✓ Leave a gap of about 6 metres between caravans where there is no solid "Firebreak" (e.g. brick wall) to prevent a fire from spreading.
- ✓ Park cars well clear of caravans.
- ✓ Leave access roads clear for the emergency services.
- ✓ Store empty gas cylinders in a suitable storage away from caravans and vehicles.
- ✓ Find out what facilities are available on site for Fire Fighting and how they work.



## FACTS!

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

# General Safety Points

## Make sure to:

- ✓ Keep the caravan ventilated and don't block up air vents - it could be fatal.
- ✓ Keep a fire extinguisher inside the caravan, by the door.
- ✓ Have a proper First Aid Kit in the caravan.

# Remember:

## Be careful when using portable electric / gas / oil heaters.

- Always use a sparkguard with these heaters.
- Do not use them near furniture, curtains, etc. and ensure that they cannot be knocked over.
- Take **extreme** care if using heaters to dry clothes.
- **Never** leave them on when going to bed.
- Take care if pets are near the heaters.



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# Fire Safety in Caravans



**fire safety**  
Be on your guard



The leaflet “**Fire Safety in the Home**” covers the main points on Fire Safety in your home. This leaflet specifically deals with Fire Safety in Caravans and on Caravan Sites.

## Prevention

### Never:

- ✗ Use petrol or paraffin when lighting a solid fuel stove.
- ✗ Leave burning candles unattended and always use a proper candleholder.
- ✗ Leave young children unattended.
- ✗ Leave matches and lighters where children can get them.
- ✗ Smoke when in bed, tired or on medication.
- ✗ Leave chip pans, frying pans, etc unattended even for a minute.
- ✗ Overload electric sockets (one plug – one socket!).
- ✗ Use faulty electrical appliances.
- ✗ Run electrical appliances from an electric light socket.

### Make sure to:

- ✓ Have your chimney cleaned at least once a year or heating system serviced regularly.
- ✓ Have your gas cylinder outside, on solid ground and away from any heat sources.
- ✓ Keep ashtrays empty when not in use.
- ✓ Have a suitable fire extinguisher and fire blanket near the main door.
- ✓ Carry out a routine fire safety check before going to bed.
- ✓ Unplug all unnecessary electrical appliances at night.
- ✓ Close all doors at night.

## Detection

Smoke Alarms are designed to give you an early warning of a fire. 82% of fires resulting in fatalities had no working smoke alarm.

### Make sure to:

- ✓ Have at **least** one Smoke Alarm fitted.
- ✓ Test your smoke alarms at least once a week.
- ✓ Change the batteries every year.
- ✓ Change the battery immediately when the warning beep sounds.

## Evacuation plan

When a Smoke Alarm alerts you about a fire in your home, you should have an “Evacuation Plan” so you and your family can escape safely.

### Make sure to:

- ✓ Plan an evacuation drill with all of your family and practice it regularly.
- ✓ Where possible have an alternative exit in case your primary exit is blocked by fire.
- ✓ Have a meeting point in a safe place outside of the caravan.
- ✓ Ensure all escape routes are kept clear **day** and **night**.

- ✓ Keep keys to doors and windows easily and immediately available.
- ✓ Know where the nearest phone is to contact the emergency services.

## Calling the Emergency Services

- ✓ Dial 999 or 112
- ✓ Tell the operator what service you require.
- ✓ Speak calmly and clearly giving the address of the fire and your phone number. (If using a mobile phone the operator may ask what county you are in).
- ✓ Only hang up when the operator tells you to.

