



Guidance for campsite operators

As the Responsible Person for your campsite, you must ensure your campsite is protected from fire risks and that visitors understand the safety measures in place.

Outside areas used in common within a campsite fall under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Your key responsibilities:

Complete a Fire Risk Assessment for the site. Ensure it is regularly reviewed and updated against national and emerging risks.

Consider seasonal risks. Be aware of the potential escalation of fires resulting from BBQs and campfires, particularly during heatwaves and periods of drought.

Have clear policies and procedures in place for BBQs and campfires on your site. Consider banning their use when conditions increase the likelihood of fire spread.

Ensure all visitors are aware of the policies and procedures in place.

Manage and monitor the use of BBQs and campfires to reduce the risk.



Disposable BBQs

Campsites should always follow current Government guidance concerning the use of disposable BBQs, which may state that these items must not be used.

Disposable BBQs can start grass fires that would affect the whole campsite and its surrounding area. The Responsible Person should check the published wildfire risk for the south-east region and use this to inform whether disposable BBQs should be used.

The Responsible Person must manage the risk on their campsite and set the rules for their patrons to follow, in line with their ongoing fire risk assessment process. They should undertake the duties required of them under the Fire Safety Order to set and define any restrictions they determine necessary to protect their patrons and their land.

Further advice and information:

[Statutory Guidelines on Disposable BBQs - GOV.UK](#)

[Wildfires - Prepare](#)

[Fire Kills Lets Prevent It: Fire Safety Outdoors](#)