



Bonfire Safety

Building the Bonfire

- *Location:*
 - level ground
 - at least 50 metres from buildings and roads,
 - at least 25 metres from trees, fences, hedges, overhead power lines
 - well away from flammable materials eg. petrol, LPG and vehicles
 - downwind of spectator area
- *Building the fire:*
 - use wood and paper materials
 - don't use tyres, foam furniture, paint tins, oil or petrol cans, aerosol sprays, gas cylinders
 - keep the bonfire as small as practicable

Lighting the Fire

- check there are no children or animals inside
- use firelighters and paper
- do not use petrol or paraffin

When Alight

- have a responsible adult in charge from start to finish
- keep children and animals at a safe distance
- wear heavy-duty clothing
- avoid alcohol
- have sand and water available for emergencies
- If the bonfire threatens to get out of control call the fire brigade immediately by dialling 999 or 112
- Make sure all present, children and adults, co-operate with the Gardai and Fire Service

After the Bonfire

- douse the flames thoroughly
- leave the site in a safe and tidy condition

Safety Issues

- a person with first aid training would be useful
- locate the nearest doctor's surgery or hospital
- ensure the availability of a working telephone