



Light A Fire Skills Card

- Decide where you are going to set the fire - well away from tents, trees and hedges which might catch fire. Where possible use designated fire areas.

- If there is no area and you have permission lift enough turf to give a patch of ground for the fire. Keep the turf in a cool damp place so it can be put back afterwards.

- The fire needs to be built carefully - don't pile on the wood and hope for the best. Collect all the wood you will need before lighting the fire. You will need small kindling at the start and larger wood when the fire is going.

- For wood to burn it needs oxygen. Watch the fire carefully and shield it from strong wind. Blow gently to help the flames spread

- Once lighting, place a few larger pieces of wood at the end of the fire where the wind blows the flames to them. The fire is hottest and best for cooking when the wood has burnt to red embers rather than flames. An ideal cooking fire is both flameless and smokeless.



Equipment for building a fire

- punk or tinder - dry leaves, paper, bark, birch, wood chippings.
- kindling - dry, dead twigs & sticks.
- larger twigs, sticks and wood stacked according to size.
- A fire started - matches, flint etc.
- knife or spade if turf needs lifting.
- a safety bucket of water or sand.
- a 'wafter' to fan air onto the fire during lighting.

