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Dear Campsite Operator

Fire Safety During Hot and Dry Weather

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service would like to remind campsite operators of the increased fire risk during periods of hot and dry weather.

Dry grass, vegetation and other combustible materials can ignite easily and allow fires to spread rapidly, potentially putting campsite users, staff, neighbouring properties and the environment at risk. The use of fire pits, campfires and barbecues can significantly increase this risk.

Campsite operators are encouraged to review their fire safety arrangements and consider the following measures:

- Ensure a suitable fire risk assessment is in place and reviewed regularly.
- Maintain adequate spacing between tents, caravans, motorhomes and awnings. A minimum separation distance of 6 metres is recommended to reduce the risk of fire spread.
- Keep site roads, emergency access routes and escape routes clear at all times.
- Regularly remove dry vegetation, grass cuttings, rubbish and other combustible materials from the site.
- Ensure suitable firefighting equipment is provided, maintained and easily accessible, and that staff understand how to raise the alarm and respond in the event of fire.
- Provide guests with clear information regarding fire safety arrangements and any site-specific restrictions.

Fire Pits, Campfires and Barbecues

If fire pits, campfires or barbecues are permitted:

- Position them well away from tents, awnings, vehicles, vegetation and other combustible materials.
- Use them only on suitable non-combustible surfaces.
- Never leave them unattended whilst in use.
- Ensure ashes and embers are fully extinguished before disposal.
- Consider restricting or prohibiting their use during periods of prolonged hot and dry weather.
- Suitable extinguishing media, such as buckets of water, sand or other appropriate firefighting equipment, should be readily available whenever fire pits, campfires or barbecues are permitted.

Please note that disposable barbecues and apparently extinguished fires can remain hot for many hours and may cause fires long after use.

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service encourages all campsite operators to take a proactive approach to fire safety and ensure guests are aware of any site rules or restrictions designed to reduce the risk of fire.

By working together, we can help keep campsites safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Yours sincerely

**Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
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