



FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

WILDFIRES

Fires in the countryside can easily be started accidentally, or even deliberately, and have a devastating effect on wildlife and the surrounding area.



For the Public

- Always take care when lighting fires and barbecues, never use petrol.
- Only light fires or barbecues in designated areas.
- Extinguish cigarettes safely and never discard cigarettes in the countryside.
- Don't leave rubbish lying around. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire, so put your rubbish in a designated bin or take it home with you.
- Only park in designated areas.

For landowners

- If the fire risk level is high put out fire risk signs, and carry out patrols of known hotspots if you able to do so.
- Conduct appropriate risk assessments.
- Ensure you have insurance cover in place, including helicopter & fire fighting costs, as appropriate.
- Consider having sufficient numbers of staff on site for the weekend, and ensure that they have all received some basic training.
- Check equipment (ATVs, pumps) are all working and fuelled up).
- Make sure your fire action plan, fire map and local contact details are up to date.

