



# OPEN FIRE

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## KEY BENEFITS

### Warmth

Provides warmth for outdoor sessions in all seasons.

### Cooking

Enables outdoor cooking and hot drinks preparation.

### Community

Creates focal point for group gathering and storytelling.

### Respect

Teaches respect for fire and responsible behaviour.

**KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES****Burns & Scalds**

- ✓ Fire circle established
- ✓ Adult controls access
- ✓ 1.5m minimum distance
- ✓ Burns kit immediately available

**Uncontrolled Spread**

- ✓ Fire bowl or cleared pit used
- ✓ No fires in high wind
- ✓ Minimum 3m clearance
- ✓ Extinguishing equipment ready

**Smoke Inhalation**

- ✓ Seating positioned upwind
- ✓ Space to move away
- ✓ Dry wood minimises smoke
- ✓ Asthmatics monitored

**Tripping Hazards**

- ✓ Clear area around fire
- ✓ No running near fire
- ✓ Log seating stable
- ✓ Good lighting



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