

Student Resource: Fire Safety and Fire Building - Self-Check (junior)

1. Place a checkmark on the line to show the rules you should follow to be safe around a fire.

- ☐ stay at least 3 big steps away from the fire
- ☐ don't put anything but wood and paper wrappings on the fire
- ☐ keep anything like your clothes away from the fire
- ☐ make sure the fire is put out with lots of water
- ☐ don't have a fire if it's windy out
- ☐ never leave a fire unattended
- ☐ have a container of water near the fire

2. Place a checkmark on the line to show 3 things you should do before you start the fire.

- ☐ go for a swim
- ☐ make sure there are no fire bans in the area
- ☐ collect the dry dead wood for your fire from the ground only
- ☐ clear a 3 metres (10 feet) area of any twigs or other things that could catch on fire
- ☐ have a water supply ready near the fire before you light it to douse it quickly if needed

3. Describe the 3 kinds of wood fuel used for a fire.

4. Why should an adult always carry matches in a watertight container and/or a lighter when on a hike or camping?

5. What 3 safety words should you remember so you know what to do if a campfire spark gets on your clothing?

Answers:

Question 1: Check all except “don’t put anything but wood and paper wrappings on the fire”.

Question 2: Check all except for “go for a swim”.

Question 3: 3 Kinds of Fuel: Tinder is twigs, dried brush; kindling is small pieces of dead and dry wood that will burn quickly; fuel is the logs or larger dry dead wood that will burn longer.

Question 4: Carrying matches in a watertight container and/or a lighter is an important measure so they always have a way of sparking the fire.

Question 5: “Stop, Drop and Roll”.