

Phoenix Campsite Fire Plan

An exhaustive Fire Plan is not possible for Phoenix, given the different ways in which the site is used. Thus, groups should prepare their own fire plans using the following points below for guidance.

1) If a fire breaks out at the campsite, a system should be in place to notify all people on site there is a fire. Every camper should be instructed to recognize the emergency alert signal, which can be a loud siren, air horn, whistle blasts or shouting of "FIRE".

2) It is important to organise a pre-determined meeting point for all people on site. *The fire evacuation point is normally the car park*, if this is a safe distance from the fire. Depending on the nature of the fire, its location and the number of people on site, it may be necessary to assemble off site. The assembly point should not impair the ability of emergency services to access the site.

3) When it comes to evacuation of the site it should be done in a calm and organised manner with everyone mustering to the evacuation point. All areas in use should be checked to ensure everyone is evacuated.

4) The leader in charge of each group must have enough information to hand in order to be able to do a head count and thus account for all their party.

5) In order to keep any evacuation organised and fast, duties should be split. For example, one person can be put in charge of directing the people to the meeting point while another is responsible for taking a head count or checking tents/buildings to ensure no one is left behind. If it is necessary to call the emergency services, this should be done at the earliest opportunity by dialling 999. Please note there is no phone on site. If anyone is missing, make sure emergency services are aware immediately.

6) After evacuating the campsite, wait for further instructions from the emergency services. If it is safe to do so, and the fire has been extinguished, campers may be allowed back to their sites once their leader in charge allows them.

Additionally, the following should always be observed:

A) If an altar fire or campfire is in use, sufficient filled fire buckets must be to hand in order to extinguish the fire. Naked flames must not be left unattended.

B) If cooking is been undertaken in the marquee, any cookers should be kept away from the sides of the marquee and in a location such as not to impede evacuation should it be necessary.

C) When pitching tents on the fields, cooking tents should be 6m away from any other tent, sleeping tents should be at least 2m apart.