

PORTUGAL IS CALLING:

SAFE CAMPING IN WILDFIRE SEASON.



BEFORE YOU SET OFF FOR THE CAMPSITE:

Visit the campsite's website and familiarise yourself with the rules and with the prevention and emergency plans. Pay particular attention to the general plan where such things as the locations of the emergency exits, meeting points and spaces appropriate for the use of fire should be indicated.

Check that all of the electric and gas-fired equipment is in good working order; test it and make sure that you know how to use it properly.



AT THE CAMPSITE:

- Familiarise yourself with and obey all of the campsite rules.
- Inform the people in charge of the campsite if you have any health issues that would require special assistance in the event of fire or evacuation.
- Ask the person in charge of the campsite about any rules for assembly, containment or evacuation procedures in the event of fire.
- Decide on a place where you and any other members of your party will meet up if necessary.
- Pitch your tent or park your caravan away from bushes or other inflammable materials and far enough away from other tents/caravans to avoid fire spreading from one to another – between two and five metres apart depending on type and size.
- Park your vehicle in the designated parking areas in such a way as not to obstruct traffic and leaving sufficient room for a heavy emergency vehicle to get through. Ideally, you should park with the front of your vehicle facing the exit.
- Avoid cooking inside a tent, especially if it is a small one. Over time, food oils will accumulate on the tent fabric, making it inflammable.
- When you change gas canisters, do so outside the tent or caravan. Never entrust this task to children.
- Always use a flat, stable base for your stove or gas-powered lights and set them up in a place where they will not land on inflammable materials (e.g. pine needles or nylon) if they fall over.
- Whenever you are going to be away from the campsite for more than 24 hours, switch off all gas and electric equipment.

- Use grills only in authorised places.
- Whenever you are going to be away, and when you go to bed, unplug any mobile phone batteries or other equipment that you may be charging and switch off gas-powered equipment (e.g. lamps).
- Do not smoke or light candles inside tents or caravans.
- Check the fire risk forecast every day.

IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS:



- Before taking any action, remain calm, concentrate and assess the situation.
- Inform the people in charge of the campsite of any situation that has arisen, even if it appears to have been resolved.
- If you are not physically in danger, try to take control of the situation calmly and assertively, asking others to help.
- If you detect a fire hazard (e.g. inside a tent) or a fire that is difficult to control, shout to raise the alarm at the locale, check to see if anyone is in danger, call the emergency number – **112** – and alert the campsite staff.
- After the emergency services have arrived, move away from the scene, unless you are asked to stay.
- Do not panic or try to run away without thinking; the campsite is often the safest place in that area.

IF YOU HAVE TO ASSEMBLE OR EVACUATE:



- If you have time, gather your personal belongings, especially your identification, any medication and your mobile phone.
- Go to the indicated assembly point with your family or group of friends, assisting others who may require help.
- When you are at the assembly area, remain calm and see if you can find friends and family members who were not with you on the way there. If you can't find them, tell the emergency services or the staff.
- Always obey the instructions given by the fire-response team.

Portugal is one of the countries with the highest forest cover in Europe and is a favourite destination for nature-loving holidaymakers. It is vital that we appreciate what these spaces offer us and take care of their worth. To this end, Turismo de Portugal and AGIF have joined forces to raise awareness among tourism companies and tourists with a view to preventing rural fires and safeguarding people and goods.

**Read this leaflet carefully.
It will make all the difference.**

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