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Pick out the mistakes these campers are making regarding campfire safety.

Emphasize safety when swapping stories around the campfire

amping is a popular and fun way to enjoy the great outdoors. For families vacationing on a budget, camping provides an affordable alternative to costly resorts and hotels.

No camping trip is complete without spending some time around a campfire. But as fun as swapping stories around the campfire can be, campfires can also pose a safety

When building a campfire, campers can employ the following approach to ensure everyone enjoys a safe

MAKE SURE THE FIRE IS OUT

When breaking down the campsite, completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

Move stones and spread out embers and ash so that all heat can dissipate. Do not leave until the remains of the campfire are cool to the touch.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SPOT

Select a location that

is on level ground and clear any obstructions or flammable items from the area before night around the fire. starting the fire.

> Be sure to look above you to make sure there are no low-hanging branches that may fall into the fire and ignite, putting campers at risk of injury.

ENSURE WATER IS NEARBY

Have bottled water available or choose a campsite that is in close proximity to a water source. This ensures you can douse the fire

or cool coals if need be.

CHECK THE FIRE DANGER LEVEL

Many parks and campsites will post a warning level on signage indicating whether dry conditions can contribute to fast-expanding fires. When a high fire warning has been issued, it may be wise to avoid campfires altogether.

USE EXISTING FIRE PIT RINGS

Many campsites have fire rings in place. This serves to keep the fire contained in a safe manner. The best place to build a fire is within an existing fire ring in a well-placed campsite. If there is no ring, create your own barrier with rocks, stones and sand. Keep flammable material outside of a 10-foot

STAY CLOSE TO THE FIRE SO LONG AS IT IS BURNING

diameter circle.

Never walk away from a lit fire. Even a small breeze can cause the fire to spread quickly, so stay near until it

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dissipates or you extinguish it.

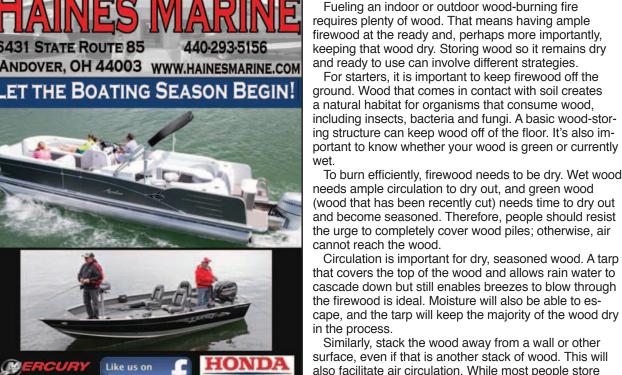
DO NOT USE ACCELERANTS

Light wood or coals with matches or a lighter or use a flint fire starter kit. Never douse the materials in lighter fluid or gasoline to get the blaze going.

Campfires can be both fun and practical when camping out. But always keep safety in mind and exercise considerable caution when choosing where and when to light fires.







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