

**Safety
TIPS****for Fires**

Always check fire-making rules of the area, and follow these safety tips:

- Tie back your hair and wear long pants.
- Have a bucket of water and a shovel ready before building your fire. You might need to smother the fire with dirt, or to stir wet coals when you put it out. Let the fire die down until only ashes are left.
- Then use a long stick or shovel to stir the ashes.
- Sprinkle the ashes with water, and then stir them again. Continue until there is no gray ash and the fire bed is cool.
- Be careful when you pour water on a fire—it will become steam, which can burn your face and hands. Pouring water on hot rocks might cause them to crack or explode.

