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**KEEP FIRE SAFETY IN MIND THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

The Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office wants you and your loved ones to have a safe Memorial Day weekend. This can be accomplished by using common sense and good judgment. Your Alaska lifestyle should always include fire safety. These safe burning practices will also help:

- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start camp fires.
- Keep camp fires small and manageable.
- Build camp fires at least 15 ft. from tents and other combustible materials.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Extinguish all fires completely before leaving the area.
- When using propane barbeques, check for leaks before lighting.
- Dispose of used charcoal in a metal container and soak with water before dumping.
- Do not use fireworks in restricted areas.
- Children should not use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Report all unattended fires and unsafe fire activities to local authorities.
- And always make sure you have functioning smoke / carbon monoxide alarms

It is also highly recommended to visit the State-DNR Division of Forestry web site. The link below will take you to the "Burning in Alaska" and Burn Permit Program. This is where you learn about more safe burning practices and if there is a burn restriction, suspension or closure. It is also wise to check with your local fire Department.

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>

**REMEMBER: FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY**

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