

Fire Safety for Gypsies & Travellers



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE

Did you know?



On average 360 fires per year occur in caravans.



Two fires a day are started by candles.



Every six days someone dies from a fire caused by a cigarette.

The following tips will help keep you and your family safe from fire.

If there's a fire

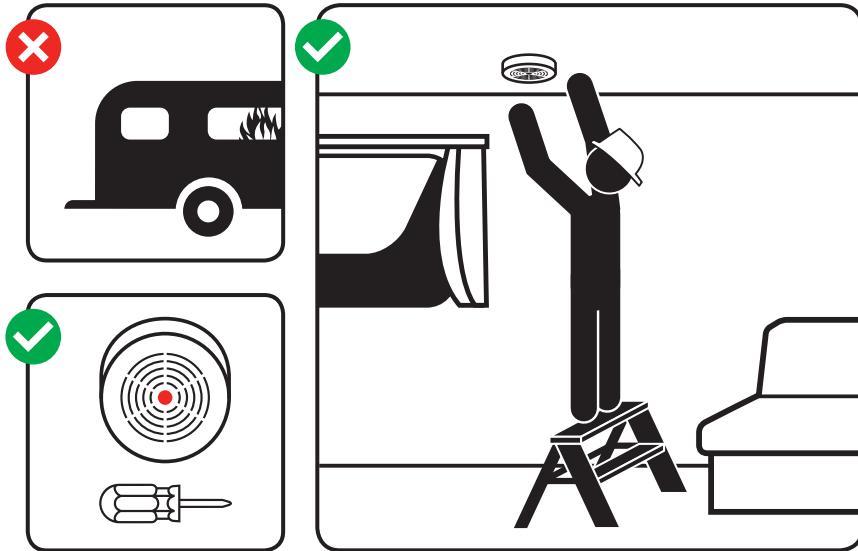


If there's a fire – get out, stay out and call 999



Make sure you can get out of the window if needed

Smoke alarms save lives



Fit a smoke alarm. The smoke alarms from your fire service are sealed units and have a 10 year battery life. The battery can not be removed or replaced. Replace alarms every 10 years

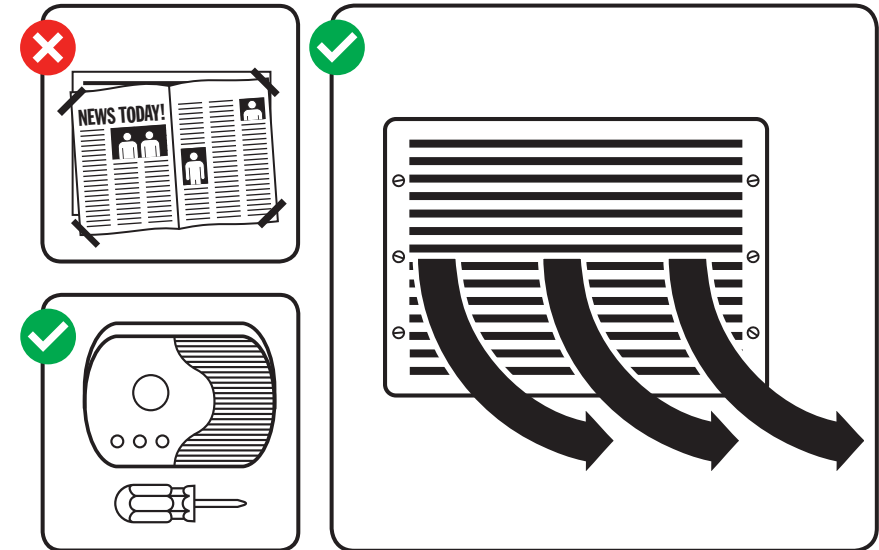


Test it weekly

Don't remove the batteries

Carbon Monoxide

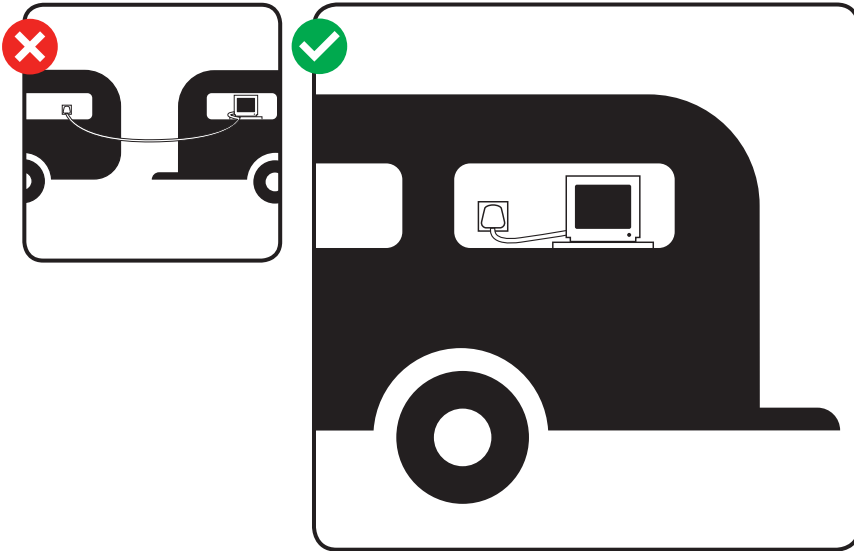
Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that can kill you. You can not smell it, taste it or see it. Symptoms are often described as 'flu like'; headaches, feeling sick, feeling dizzy, weakness, difficulty breathing, collapse.



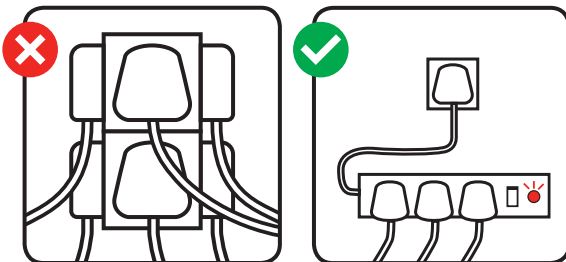
Fit a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm

- Keep air vents clear
- The CO alarms from your fire service are sealed units and have a seven year battery life
- The battery can not be removed or replaced
- If the CO alarm sounds, get fresh air immediately and seek medical advice immediately

Electrics



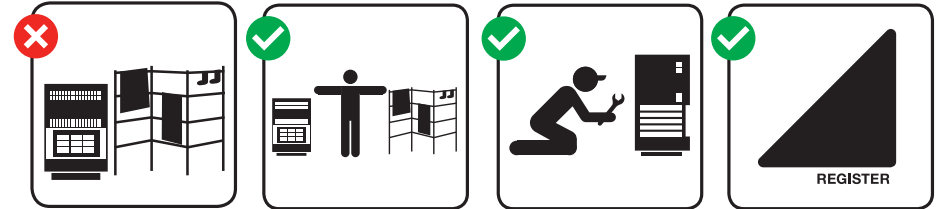
Don't run electrics from one van to another



Don't overload

Using an adaptor with a lead is safer

Heaters



Don't dry clothes on or right next to the heater

Make sure heaters work properly

Use a Gas Safe engineer to fix gas heaters

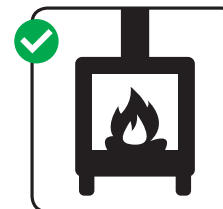
Wood stove safety



Pick a stove with the CE safety mark

Check the flues and chimneys of wood burning stoves for signs of leaks and blockages

Only use the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer



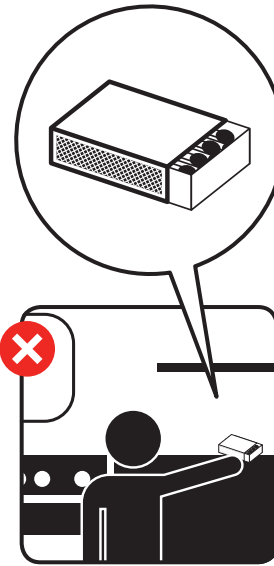
Use very dry wood or smokeless fuels

Dispose of embers carefully. If they're warm, they could cause a fire or build-up of carbon monoxide.

Indoor risks



Avoid leaving lit candles unattended. Make sure they are in a secure holder.



Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach



Smoking inside can be dangerous



Smoke outside instead

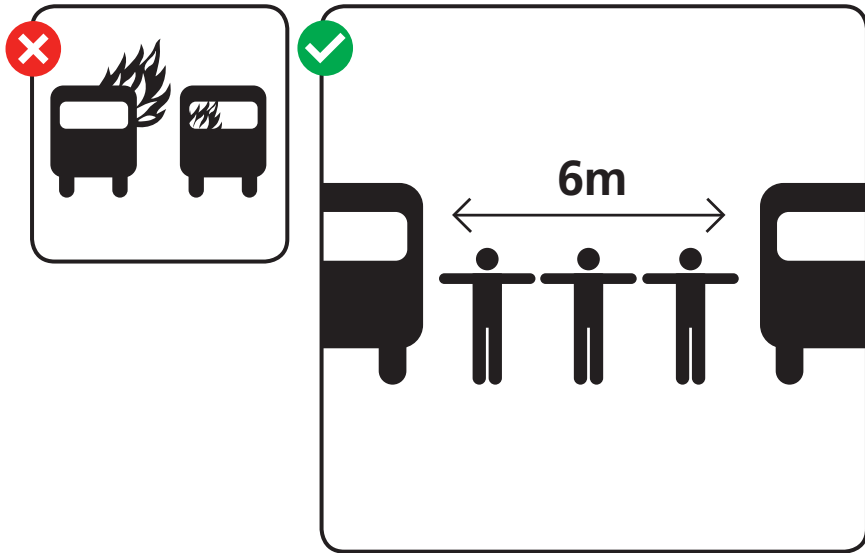


Take extra care when cooking with hot oil

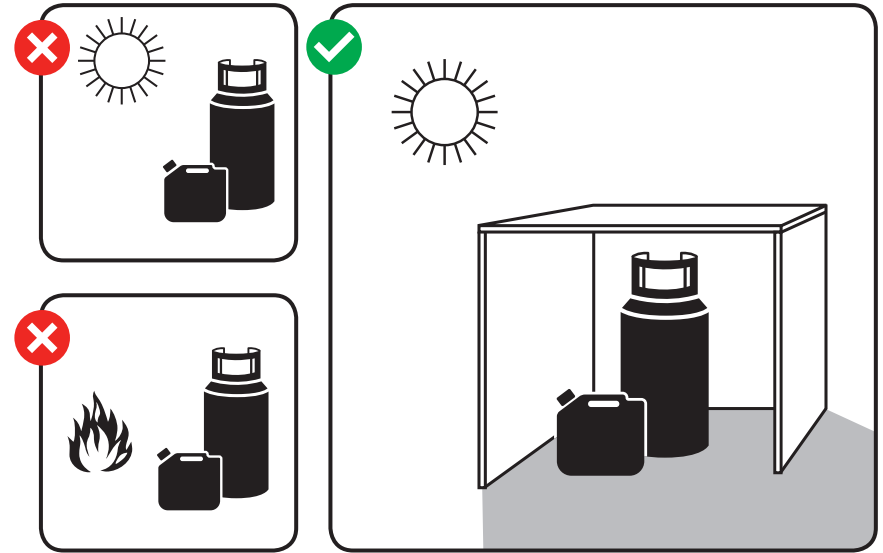


Keep pan handles out of children's reach

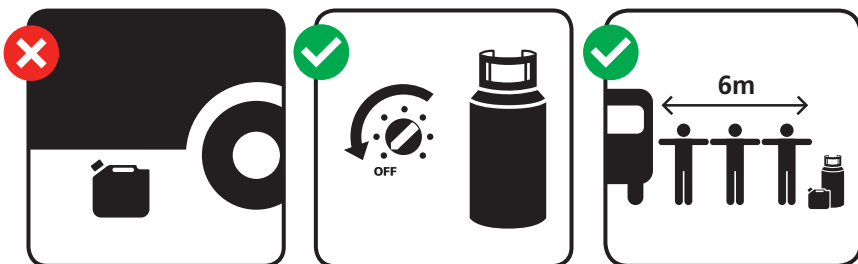
Outdoor safety



Try to keep trailers six metres apart (that's roughly the length of three people standing in a line with their arms held out)



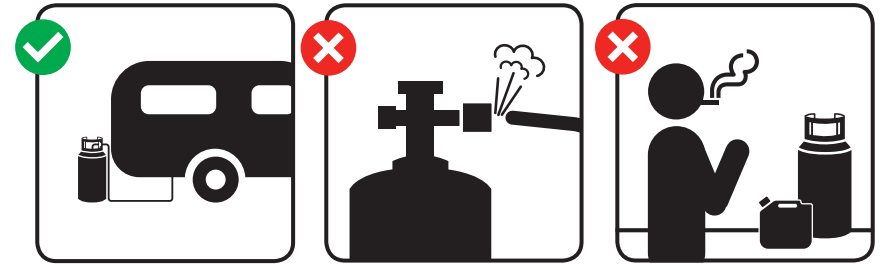
Keep fuel away from heat when not in use



Don't store fuel under your home

Turn off gas canisters when not in use

When not in use fuel should ideally be stored six metres away



When in use, keep upright and secure

Don't let gas leak

Do not smoke near gas



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