

Don't be a firestarter!

Many wildfires in the UK originate from human activity such as...

Littering and cigarettes



Improper disposal of cigarettes or dropping litter can start a fire.

Make sure cigarettes and other smoking materials are fully extinguished and don't drop or throw them from a car window.

Dispose of your litter properly – items such as glass bottles can focus the sun's rays and start fire.

Campfires and BBQs



Campfires and barbecues left unattended can start fires.

If you do have a campfire or barbecue, stick to designated areas and extinguish the fire fully with water before you leave it.

Position barbecues away from anything flammable such as fences, shrubs or overhanging trees.

Controlled burns



These can be used to manage land but can get out of control.

If your property is close to vegetation such as farmland, woodland, or countryside, be aware of the risks.

Don't burn during hot, dry spells, never use an accelerant such as petrol, and keep a hosepipe or bucket of water nearby.

Deliberate fires



Starting fires on purpose is dangerous and criminal behaviour.

Even seemingly small fires can easily spread and pose a risk to life and property.

Report deliberate firesetting anonymously to FireStoppers – call **0800 169 5558** or fill in the form at **firestoppersreport.co.uk**

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If you see a wildfire...

Move to a place of safety and **call 999** – do not assume someone else has reported it. **Don't attempt to tackle the fire yourself.**

Tell us as much as you can about the fire – you might be asked about size, location or terrain. The what3words app can be useful for our crews to pinpoint the exact location of the fire.

Always follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities. If you live in certain areas you might be asked to evacuate, or you might be instructed to stay indoors with your doors and windows closed due to smoke.

Stay #WildfireAware



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