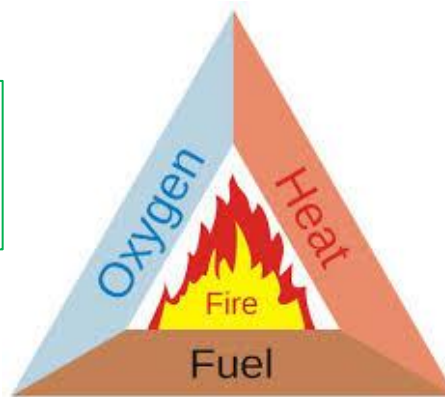


# FIRE

Is the fire permanent or temporary?

## WHAT A FIRE NEEDS:

Oxygen – Teepee fire (wood stacked up as a triangle), log cabin fire (wood stacked up in squares)



Heat – Matches, lighter, flint

Fuel – Tinder (dry leaves, pine needles, paper, lint, cotton balls), Kindling (twigs, sticks, small branches), chopped wood (Firewood – thicker than

## Safety Considerations:

- Check there are no branches above
- Consider the strength of the wind and if it is safe to have a fire
- If there is a fire ban and you don't have a permit you will need to comply
- Even if there is no fire ban on but the conditions don't feel safe then don't lite a fire
- Have access to water to put out fire (at least 10lt)
- Fireproof gloves and fire blanket are a great idea
- The fire circle is not a play space
- Is it a permanent or non-permanent fire?
- Dig down to dirt if a temporary fire – no sticks or leaves in surrounding area
- If permanent, what guidelines do you want to have for being around the fire circle (e.g. children kneel on one knee by fire, everyone walks around the outside, asks permission to enter the immediate fire area, The seating circle should be at least 2m back from the fire pit)
- If non-permanent, how do people engage with the fire, what are the guidelines
- Keep fires small – they don't need to be big to enjoy or to cook on
- Have first aid kit easily accessible and make sure you or one of the staff are confident in dealing with the risks of a fire burn
- Secure loose clothing at the fire
- Cool ashes and coals completely (you should be able to touch and pick them up)
- Never use any kind of accelerant