



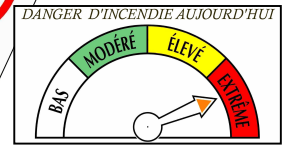
## Prevention message for both the young ...and not so young

You can have fun without *playing with fire!*

The end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation are occasions to have fun around a bonfire. If made on the spur of the moment, bonfires can become a threat for the forest.

### Before lighting a fire, THINK FIRST!

- Is there a “ban on open fires in or near the forest” in effect?
- Does your municipality allow open fires?
- What is the fire danger today?



If you are allowed to light a bonfire, **DON'T SKIP ANY STEPS!**

### 1. Get it ready



- Choose a cleared area, away from trees, buildings, electrical wires and, preferably, close to water.
- Clear the ground to the bare soil.
- Make the fire small.
- Have the wood to feed the fire nearby.

### 2. Keep an eye on it



- Keep a close eye on your fire at all times. Putting someone responsible in charge is an excellent way to do this.
- Have water and hand tools nearby, to be used if necessary.

### 3. Put it out



- Pour lots of water on the fire.
- Stir the embers to make sure everything is wet.
- Wait a few minutes.
- Would you put your hand in the fire?
- If you answered no, repeat the above steps... twice rather than once!
- Finally, cover the ashes with sand or earth