



Fire Safety in Sierra County

Did you know that over 70% of Sierra County is forested? Our beautiful, remote location and sparse population are probably some of the reasons that prompted your visit. The unique features of our County require special attention when it comes to Fire Safety. Here are some tips to keep yourself, and our community, safe:

 Prohibited Items	<p>The following items are prohibited per Sierra County Code §8.12.050:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfires, bonfires, pit fires, tiki torches, portable stoves, charcoal/wood fueled barbeques, fireworks, or any open flame from a wood or charcoal source. 						
 Fire Alternatives	<p>Propane-operated firepits or LPG firepits are allowed but must be on a non-combustible surface and clear from any vegetation or combustible materials. Propane tanks are limited to 20 lbs in capacity.</p>						
 Water Access	<p>All short-term rentals must have an operable, 100 ft + exterior hose and two operable exterior hose bibs. Consult your Short-Term Rental's site plan to locate these water access points, especially when using propane-operated firepits.</p>						
 Fire Extinguishers	<p>Each Short-Term Rental is required to have two 5-pound and one 20-pound fire extinguishers in the interior of the rental. Consult your Short-Term Rental's floor plan to locate these fire extinguishers. The most common way to properly use a fire extinguisher is the P.A.S.S method: Pull the pin between handles; Aim the hose at the base of the fire, Squeeze the handle; Sweep the hose from side to side to cover the base of the fire.</p>						
 Emergency Contacts	<p>Please call 911 in case of an emergency. Our Fire Departments are all volunteer operated and can be reached at the following local numbers:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1388 1414 1503"> <tr> <td>Calpine Fire Dept: (530)994-3941</td> <td>Loyalton Fire Dept: (530)993-6751</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Camptonville Fire Dept: (530)288-3303</td> <td>Sierra City Fire Dept: (530)862-0319</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Downieville Fire Dept: (530)289-3333</td> <td>Sierraville Fire Dept: (530)994-3344</td> </tr> </table>	Calpine Fire Dept: (530)994-3941	Loyalton Fire Dept: (530)993-6751	Camptonville Fire Dept: (530)288-3303	Sierra City Fire Dept: (530)862-0319	Downieville Fire Dept: (530)289-3333	Sierraville Fire Dept: (530)994-3344
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 Smoke Debris	<p>If you smoke, be sure to safely dispose of cigarette butts. Douse with water and place them in a fire-proof container. And whatever you do, don't toss them on the ground.</p>						
 Vehicles	<p>Vehicle exhaust can reach temperatures over 1,000 degrees. Avoid driving and parking on dry grass. Check that the exhaust on your vehicle isn't shooting sparks. For trailers, check the wear on the tires, grease the bearings and axles, and ensure all chains are property in place and not dragging on the ground.</p>						