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Community Safety Flash

Topic: - Water and Outdoor Safety

Water Safety



Open water might seem inviting, but there are many hidden dangers, meaning even the strongest swimmers can get into difficulties.

Our Safety Advice

If you see another person or a pet in trouble in the water:

- Do not enter the water yourself.
- Raise the alarm or if you have a mobile phone call 999 and ask for the fire service. Try and give an exact location of where you are and look for signs or landmarks or use the [What 3 Words app](#).
- If there is a lifebuoy or throwline nearby throw it to them. If not throw anything to them that will float.

If you fall into water by accident follow the float to live advice as follows:

- Fight your instinct to thrash around.
- Lean back, extend your arms and legs.
- If you need to, gently move them around to help you float.
- Float until you can control your breathing.
- Only then, call for help, swim to safety or continue floating until help arrives.

For further advice on water safety please visit the [ROSPA - Water Safety](#)

Grass Fire Prevention



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Our Safety Tips

- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly and disposed of in dedicated bins
- Take your rubbish home or put it in a nearby bin
- Don't leave glass bottles lying on the ground. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire
- Don't have open fires or BBQs in the countryside – they can easily set fire to the ground and spread
- Keep matches and lighters out of children and young peoples' reach and talk to them about the dangers of starting fires outside, find out more about our Don't be Blamed for the Flames campaign here.

IF you see a Fire

If you find a fire in the countryside don't attempt to tackle it, call **999** and ask for the fire service immediately. Pass as much information about the location as possible, use the app [What 3 Words](#) if you have it to pinpoint the exact spot.

If you see a campfire or BBQ which has spread to the ground or surrounding area then call **999** and ask for the fire service immediately.

For more information

Please give us a call and have a chat with your Community Safety Officers. Service is completely confidential. **01785 898719** or email: - wsdgpreventteam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999

