

## **BONFIRE SAFETY - ADVICE FOR ORGANISERS**

### **SITE FACILITIES**

- Provide a suitable **barrier** to separate members of the public from the bonfire area.
- Provide a sufficient number of **extinguishers**, or buckets of water, for putting out small fires.
- Provide at least two spectator **exits** that are spaced well apart.
- Provide at least one suitably equipped **first aid point**, with a trained attendant.
- A suitable **loudspeaker** or small **public address system** will ensure that all instructions or announcements can be clearly heard.
- Attendants should be **suitably clothed**, avoiding lightweight clothing that could easily ignite.
- Provide means for calling the **emergency services**.
- Careful consideration must be given to the **proximity** of your bonfire to School buildings, neighbouring buildings, railways, roads, etc. **Where the school is of a traditional construction, no fire should be made within 30 metres of the main school buildings. Where the school is of a consortia/clasp construction no fire should be made within 90 metres of the main school buildings.**
- Do **not** site the bonfire under overhead electric power lines.
- Locate the bonfire **downwind** of the spectators.

### **THE BONFIRE**

- Designate an adequate number of **attendants** to look after the bonfire and allow only those designated to enter the bonfire area.
- Do **not** use petrol or paraffin to light the bonfire.
- Light the bonfire in two or three locations with paper or solid firelighters to ensure an even burn.
- Do **not** burn dangerous materials, e.g. foam filled furniture, aerosols, paint tins, rubber tyres, etc.
- Before lighting the bonfire, check to make sure that it is stable and that there are no children or animals inside.