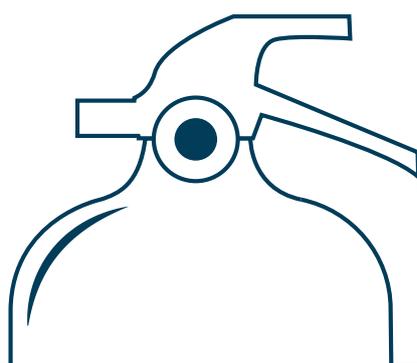


**Guidance  
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**Fire Extinguisher Advice Guide 3  
Caravan and Camping Sites  
(Holiday Homes)**

This is information for FIA members and customers who have to determine the scale of provision of portable fire extinguishers for caravan and camping sites. As British Standard BS 5306-8 is relevant to premises only, the FIA has sought advice from appropriate sources.

Source Information	Legislation/Regulations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government communities and local government</li> <li>• The Caravan Club</li> </ul>	<p>The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.</p>
Requirements	
<p>The Secretary of State from time to time specifies 'model-standards' with respect to the layout and the provision of facilities, services and equipment for caravan sites. Which model-standard applies depends on the use of the site and there is a model-standard for the following site types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent residential caravan sites.</li> <li>• Touring caravan and camping sites (includes camper-vans).</li> <li>• Holiday caravan sites (holiday 'statics').</li> <li>• Traveller sites</li> </ul> <p>The most recent model-standards for all four of these are very much the same.</p>	

FIA member customers are advised to meet these requirements by:

Product	Process and People
<p>1. Fire points (<i>permanent, static, traveller</i>) ...should be established so that no caravan or site building is more than 30 metres from a fire point. Fire points (<i>touring</i>) ...additionally, no caravan pitch is further than 90m from a fire point; and fire points should be equipped with fire-beaters where vegetation could assist fire spread. They should be a weather-proof structure, easily accessible and clearly and conspicuously marked 'FIRE POINT'.</p> <p>2. Fire fighting equipment ...where water standpipes are provided and there is a water supply of sufficient pressure and flow to project a jet of water approximately five metres from the nozzle, such water standpipes should be situated at each fire point. There should also be a reel that complies with British Standard BS EN 671-1 with a hose not less than 30m long, having a means of connection to a water standpipe (preferably a screw thread connection) with a water supply of sufficient pressure and terminating in a small hand control nozzle. Hoses should be 'HOSE REEL'.</p> <p>Where standpipes are not provided, but there is a water supply of sufficient pressure and flow, fire hydrants should be installed within 100m of every caravan standing. Hydrants should conform to British Standard 750. Access to hydrants and other water supplies should not be obstructed or obscured.</p> <p>Where standpipes are not provided or the water pressure or flow is not sufficient (ie no hydrants either), each fire point should be provided with water extinguishers (2 x 9 litre) as a minimum - though FIA recommendation is 1 x 6 litre foam and 1 x 6kg powder as per Caravan Club risk assessment and to ensure frost protection.</p> <p>Fire fighting equipment (static) ...can have a 500 litre water tank, two buckets and one hand pump instead of extinguishers at each fire point.</p>	<p>5. Ensuring extinguishers are easily accessible and easy to release from the stowage.</p> <p>6. Carrying out a visual inspection, at least weekly, to check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each is correctly located, unobstructed and visible, and that tamper indicators are neither missing nor broken.</li> <li>b. The operating instructions are clean, legible and facing outwards.</li> <li>c. Each extinguisher has not been operated or suffered damage. The results of these checks should be recorded.</li> </ul> <p>7. Ensuring extinguishers are subject to a suitable maintenance regime carried out by a competent person, in accordance with BS 5306-3, under an FIA member service contract to ensure continued serviceability.</p> <p>8. Considering the risk of vandalism when assessing the positioning of an extinguisher</p>

## Product

3. Fire warning ...a means of raising the alarm in the event of a fire should be provided at each fire point. This could be by means of a manually operated sounder, eg metal triangle with a striker, gong or hand operated siren. The advice of the fire authority should be sought on an appropriate system.
4. Fire notices ...a clearly written and conspicuous notice should be provided and maintained at each fire point, to indicate the action to be taken in case of fire and the location of the nearest telephone. This notice should include the following:

### On discovering a fire

- i. Ensure the caravan or site building involved is evacuated.
- ii. Raise the alarm.
- iii. Call the fire brigade (the nearest telephone is site {add location})
- iv. Attack the fire using the fire fighting equipment provided, provided it is safe to do so.

It is in the interest of all occupiers of this site to be familiar with the above routine and the method of operating the fire alarm and fire fighting equipment.

## The Caravan Safety and Security Group

Recommends that all caravans and motor homes carry an easily-accessible multi-purpose fire extinguisher and a fire blanket.

*The Caravan Club guidance leaflet Fire Alert which states that... 'to protect life and property, it is vital you carry a fire extinguisher; that you carry the correct one and it is positioned correctly in your caravan or motor caravan.'*

*In addition, the December 2009 edition of The Caravan Club magazine expands on Fire Alert, advising: 'Although dry powder fire extinguishers are very effective in extinguishing all fires, they are not recommended for use in confined spaces, eg buildings, especially caravans. The Club has decided that AFFF is the most effective for use on a caravan site and would recommend its use.'*

*'In other words, for dealing with fires when you are outside your caravan, a dry powder extinguisher is very effective on fires, other than those involving cooking oils and fats. Otherwise, AFFF extinguishers are much preferred.'*

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