

« I WANT TO SAY TO PEOPLE:
DO NOT STOP GOING OUT ON THE
LAND. IT IS OUR SOURCE OF
SURVIVAL. IT HELPS US
MENTALLY. PHYSICALLY
AND EMOTIONALLY. »

— LEE ROY BLACKSMITH.
CREE NATION GOVERNMENT
REGIONAL FIRE MARSHAL



THREE TYPES OF FIRES

- ◆ Natural.
- ◆ Mechanical.
- ◆ Chemical: propane, naphtha or cloth mixed with chemicals.



WOOD STOVES

- ◆ Generally located inside cabins, tents, sheds and storage areas.
- ◆ Cabins with two sections usually have stoves in both sections.
- ◆ Place cement blocks underneath an airtight stove.
- ◆ Clean chimney stove regularly.
- ◆ Properly install the chimney
- ◆ Birch wood sticks to pipes, clean pipes often, there are logs on the market that will clean the pipes.
- ◆ Leave a 36-inch clearance between the top of the stove and the ceiling and between the walls and the stove.
- ◆ Do not hang items above the stove; do not dry clothing, wet socks, scarves, ski-pants, boot duffles or gloves above the stove.
- ◆ Look at the manufacturer's labels on the pipes.
- ◆ Keep surrounding area free of clutter.
- ◆ Cabin should be closed up underneath.
- ◆ Store hazardous materials including propane bottles, butane, gas and oil, in a safe area.



FIRE PROTECTION ITEMS

- ◆ Install a smoke detector on the ceiling, check the batteries regularly.
- ◆ Install a carbon monoxide detector 6 inches from the floor as propane leaks stay low to the floor.
- ◆ Invert and shake the dry chemical extinguishers on a regular basis to prevent the dry chemical from packing in the extinguisher.
- ◆ Fire extinguishers may not be effective in the cold if left for a long period of time.



QUICK EXIT

- ◆ A corridor or aisle across a room that leads the occupants of a cabin to an exit must be clear at all times.
- ◆ A secondary exit with a small porch to protect from snow is mandatory on all cabins; a window that opens outward may be considered a secondary exit.



CABIN EXTERIOR (SUMMER MONTHS)

- ◆ Place a 45-gallon drum that has been cut open at the top or a large tub underneath the roof to collect rain water as a source of water for extinguishing fires.
- ◆ Have on hand a water pump and hoses in the event of a fire.

HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1. PULL THE PIN



2. AIM AT THE BASE OF FIRE



3. SQUEEZE THE LEVER



4. SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE

