

Be Responsible



Don't

- Do not light fires on the beach
- Do not collect firewood from the beach

Do

- Light fires where permitted in established campfire places
- Help spread the word about the safety risks and environmental impact of beach fires

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BEACH FIRES



Don't burn on the beach



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Safety risks

Sitting around a campfire is an enjoyable outdoor activity but the beach is an inappropriate location to do so.

A visit to the Gladstone Region, with its many stunning beaches, can easily be ruined by an incorrectly extinguished fire.

Fires left smouldering or covered with sand can stay hot for more than eight hours which can cause severe burns if stumbled upon by adults or children.

Beach fires are also commonly associated with litter which not only harms the environment but poses a risk to beach goers.

Legal responsibilities

Council's Local Law no. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) prohibits the lighting of open fires in any Council controlled area that is outside of a fireplace or barbecue maintained by Council.

The lighting of fires can also be prohibited at a State government level when weather conditions make fires difficult to control, posing a danger to communities.

Regular beach patrols are undertaken by the Queensland Police Service and Council. Hefty fines may apply for lighting fires on the beach.

Environmental impact

Beach fires can easily escape and harm the local pristine coastal environment and neighbouring areas.

Removing wood from the beach and dunes to use as firewood will damage the foreshore environment. Wood and vegetation creates a habitat for wildlife and plays an important role in stabilising dunes and preventing erosion.

The light from fires can also discourage nesting sea turtles and disorientate hatchlings. Sea turtles are an endangered species and it is crucial that we make every effort to protect them.

