

Your Nightly Fire Check



A routine nightly fire check consists of a simple walk around your boat before bed, it could save your life.

- ✓ Is the cooker switched off?
- ✓ Have ashtrays been emptied?
- ✓ Are any naked flames still lit?
- ✓ Are your heaters turned off?
- ✓ Are the walkways free of clutter?
- ✓ Has the cooking gas been shut off at source?
- ✓ Are all escape routes clear?
- ✓ Do you know two ways out of your vessel?



Call 999 or 112

- Ask for the fire service
- Speak calmly and clearly
- Never return to the boat for any reason



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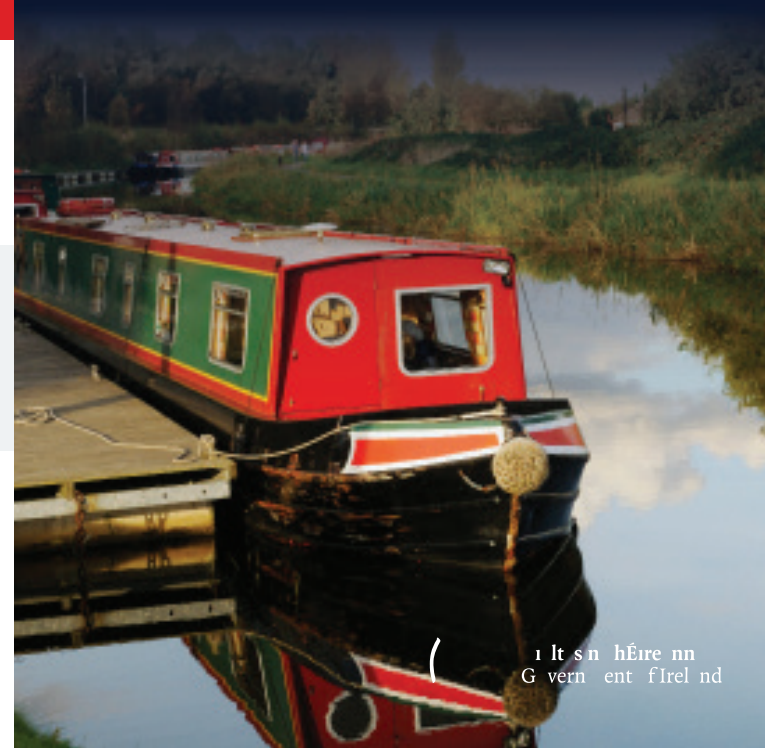


A Boater's Guide to Fire Safety

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Protect Your Peace On The Water

Your boat is your home and your safe space. Don't let a preventable fire take that away.

Smoke Alarms: Fit smoke alarms and test them weekly

LPG Detectors: Marine-grade sensors in the bilge provide the earliest warning

Fire Protection Equipment: Keep a fire blanket and fire extinguisher(s) near the exit. Ensure fire extinguishers are serviced annually

Fire Plan: Make a fire action plan and ensure everyone on board is aware of what to do if there is a fire

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms: CO Alarms are essential for boats with engines or that use fossil fuels

The Gas Factor LPG

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is highly effective, but it must be handled with care. As it is heavier than air, any leak will sink and collect in the bilge - creating a hidden danger that can go unnoticed until it's too late.



The Essentials

- ▶ **Sniff Test:** LPG has a distinctive "rotten egg" smell. If you notice this, shut off the supply at the cylinder, ventilate the boat and leave immediately
- ▶ **Ventilation is Vital:** Never block air vents. LPG needs oxygen to burn and, if it leaks, it needs a clear path to escape
- ▶ **Safe Storage:** Always store cylinders upright in a self-draining locker that vents directly to the outside and is not blocked
- ▶ **Leave It to the Experts:** Only use registered gas installers for maintenance.
- ▶ **Inland Waterways Bye-Laws** include fire safety, know the law!

The Golden Rules Of Boat Fire Safety

Fire Safe Cooking



- ▶ Use back rings first and turn handles inward
- ▶ Ditch the chip pans - they are the number 1 galley fire risk
- ▶ Never use the cooker to dry or warm clothes
- ▶ Keep the cooker and pans grease-free
- ▶ Keep stove doors closed at night, and ensure solid fuels are stored safely

Smart Electrics



- ▶ One Plug, One Socket: Never overload adapters
- ▶ Unplug to Unwind: Unplug phone chargers, hair straighteners, etc. before going to sleep
- ▶ Store electric blankets rolled, never folded

Heating and Candles



- ▶ Keep heaters clear of curtains and furniture
- ▶ Never move a heater while it's turned on
- ▶ Avoid candles - use electric candles instead

E-Scooters and E-Bikes



- ▶ Never store battery powered scooters or bikes inside your boat
- ▶ Ensure they never obstruct your escape
- ▶ Never charge them unattended