



SCOUT MATCH PERMIT



Match Risks

- Burns
- Unintentional fires when carelessly used

Match Types

- Book Match . . . the kind that are given away at bars and restaurants
- Safety Match . . . can only be lit by striking against the striker strip on the box
- Strike Anywhere Match . . . can be lit by striking the white tip against any dry, rough surface
- Waterproof Match . . . usually a Strike Anywhere Match that has been coated with a thin layer of paraffin wax
- Lighters . . . including Zippos, Bics, BBQ Lighters and Windproof Lighters

Match Storage

- Every year people are injured by improper storage of matches and lighters. The worst place to carry matches and lighters is in a shirt pocket, because a stray spark from a fire can ignite them. Lighters have been known to explode when this happens. When possible, store your matches and lighters in your pack
- Book Matches are relatively useless in camping or Scouting situation because; they have short burn types, can be difficult to light safely and are exposed to moisture. Book matches should be considered the match of last resort . . . they are also the most dangerous of all types of matches since the balance of the book is exposed and can be ignited by a stray spark.
- Safety Matches are usually stored in their original package, since a striker strip is required to get them to light
- Strike Anywhere Matches are best stored in a Match Case
- Even though they are coated, Waterproof Matches are best stored in a Match Case
- Lighters are best stored in your pack

Match Use

- Matches and lighters are NOT toys and should never be treated as such
- Fire is NOT a toy and should never be treated as such
- Always close a match box or match case before you strike a match
- Hold the match with your thumb and index finger, supported by your middle finger
- Strike the match away from you on an appropriate striking surface
- Hold the match flame end down and wait for the flame to flare up and stabilize before applying to your candle wick, stove burner, lamp mantel or fire tinder
- If it is windy, you will need to shield your match and flame



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- Extinguish your match and dispose the spent match properly . . . DO NOT throw into a garbage containing flammable material until you are absolutely certain that the match flame is out and cool

Fire Starting

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Consequences of breaking the rules

- 1st suspension requires you to re-qualify after 1 month
- Second offence in a year results in suspension for one year of privilege
- Serious cases will be reviewed by leaders, parent and watch leader.

When can I bring matches to weekly meetings?

- Never, please do not carry matches/lighters with you at weekly meetings

When can I bring matches to camp?

- Never, Skipper will provide you with matches when you need them to start a supervised fire

I agree to the rules of match use while I am in the Squamish Scout Troop, I have read and understand the rules and recommendations above and I am aware of the consequences of miss-use of matches.

Scout name:-_____ Date:-_____ Signature:-

Leader name:-_____ Date:-_____ Signature:-

Parent name:-_____ Date:-_____ Signature:-
