



Home fire safety fact sheet

House Boats

Houseboating is enjoyed by many people. It is a great way to have fun and relax with family and friends. It is important for all passengers, when boarding a houseboat for the first time, familiarise themselves with the safety equipment located onboard.

Locate and check the following:

- Fire extinguishers – read operating instructions carefully.
- Smoke alarms – press and hold the test button on each alarm to ensure all alarms operate correctly.
- Fire blanket in kitchen area (if installed). Read the instructions for use before you need them.
- Fire buckets front and rear – check attached rope lines.
- Personal flotation devices. Ensure there are sufficient for all occupants.
- Know the radio procedure in case of an emergency.
- First aid kit – check contents.

Other factors to be aware of:

- Location and operation of LPG shut off valves in case of fire or leak
- BBQ control valves to be turned off after use
- If towing a powerboat:
 - Spare fuel must be secured in an approved container on the powerboat and must not be placed on the houseboat.
 - Refuel the powerboat onshore and clean up any spills immediately.
 - Do not smoke when refuelling and ensure there is no naked flame nearby.
 - Ensure that a suitable extinguisher is readily accessible in case of a fire.
 - Follow South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS), National Parks & Wildlife Service and Local Government regulations when having campfires or barbeques on shore.
- Cooking and heating are the leading causes of fires in a home. Please refer to [Cooking](#) Fact Sheet and [Home Heating](#) Fact Sheet.
- Be vigilant with candle use as well whilst houseboating. Please refer to [Candles](#) Fact Sheet.
- A houseboat is no different to a residential home in relation to fire safety. Please refer to [Fire In The Home](#) Fact Sheet.