



Open fireplaces

It is forbidden by law to light fires in or near the forest.

Official fireplaces are designated in and around Zermatt and are available to everyone. Outside these fireplaces it is generally forbidden to light fires in the countryside!

In addition, the following principle always applies to open fires at official fireplaces:

Sufficient water on site and extinguish in such a way that there are no more glowing coals or hot ashes!

The current forest fire danger level and the instructions of the authorities regarding fire bans must always be observed and obeyed!

Excerpt from the Law on Forests and Natural Hazards of the Canton of Valais

Art. 29 Danger of forest fires

1 Any action that may lead to fire damage or forest fires is prohibited. Controlled fires for the protection of the forest are excepted.

2 Fires in the forest and in the vicinity of the forest may only be lit in places designated for this purpose by the communes or in places that are obviously free of danger. All fires must be supervised and extinguished before leaving.

3 In the event of increased fire danger, the Department may prohibit all fires in and near the forest. The State Council may lay down other preventive measures.

4 The Department shall draw up a forest fire-fighting concept and determine the priority risk zones.

5 The resident communes shall take the preventive and protective measures to reduce the risk of forest fires in cooperation with the services involved.

Violations shall be reported to the police.