

# FIRE SAFETY AND WICK CARE

# **Basic information**

- FUEL Pegasol 3440 Special or kerosene.
  \*\* DO NOT USE PETROL OR DIESEL \*\*
- CLOTHING Avoid synthetic fibres! A cotton hoodie with jeans is a great start.
- TIE UP LONG HAIR and check jewelry etc.
- Have a DAMP TOWEL or fire blanket, and fire extinguisher handy.
- PRIME your new wick with a good soak and then spin off excess fuel (see overleaf)

# REFERENCE

# To spin fire you'll need...

- A clear head
- Safe non-baggy clothing
  - Fire blanket / damp towel
- Props in good condition
- Clear surroundings
- Safety buddy
- Spin off extra fuel
- Light away from fuel store
- Spin within your abilities
- Extinguish completely

### New wick preparation and care

- For brand new fire wicks, fully submerge the fabric in appropriate fuel for 10min until completely soaked through. We recommend Pegasol 3440 Special or kerosene. Never use petrol or diesel!
- All subsequent dips only require enough time to get the entire wick wet a few seconds is sufficient.
- Aim to extinguish the flame before the fuel burns out. Do not leave the wick smouldering as this will degrade the material faster.
- It's good to store your props with covers on, to protect them and to stop ash getting everywhere - an old sock and a hair tie will do the trick.

## Ready to spin fire? Here's what to do:

- Check your head. Don't let anyone pressure you and don't do anything that doesn't feel safe. And seriously: if you've been getting on it, just stick to spinning LEDs.
- Wear the right clothes: stick to organic fibres like cotton or wool, nothing too loose-fitting, and tie up or cover your hair.
- Gather your gear: your props, fuel, damp towel, and fire blanket or extinguisher if you have them.
- Check your gear every time before you use it, for anything broken, damaged or loose. That includes your fire extinguisher!
- Check your surroundings. Look for trip hazards, obstacles, people and animals, and anything nearby that might be flammable.
   Notice the wind direction.
- Always have a safety; a sober person who watches your back literally - and keeps everyone safe.
- Dip your props in the fuel, and then drip and spin off excess fuel before lighting up - try to catch the fuel so that it can be reused.
- Never ever light your wicks near the dipping station.
- Once the fuel has burnt off or when you want to stop, use a damp 100% cotton towel or a fire safe blanket to completely extinguish the flame. Do not leave your wick smouldering.
- If anyone gets burned, extinguish any flames, cool the skin immediately with plain cold water and call for medical help if the burn is severe.



