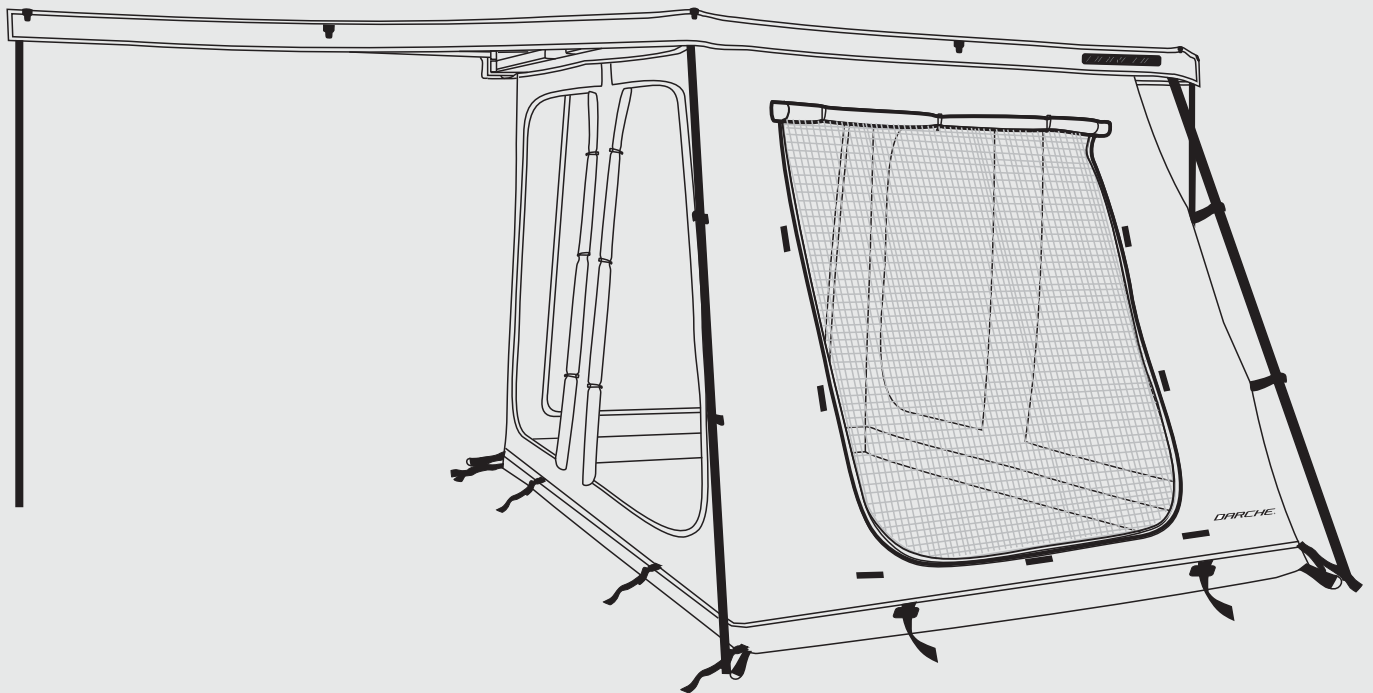


ECLIPSE RETREAT ANNEX

SET-UP & CARE INSTRUCTIONS



**CAREFULLY READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR
TO FIRST USE.**

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE,
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DARCHE ON:

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GET TO KNOW YOUR ANNEX

We recommend you check all parts are included prior to first use.

ECLIPSE RETREAT CONTENTS

1 Annex	1 Carry bag
1 Sail track skirt	12 Pegs and bag
1 Twist-lock spreader bar	

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IMPORTANT:

Before using your DARCHE Retreat for the first time, you may have to make a simple modification to your 180° or 270° Awning.
An 8mm (5/16") hole needs to be drilled on the inside of the 2 main perpendicular rafter arms.

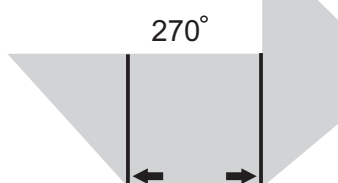
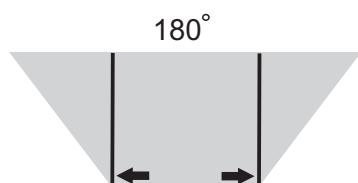
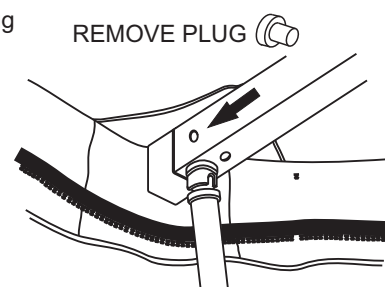
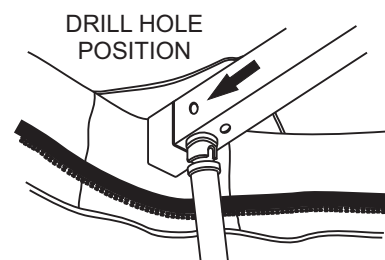
A cut-out template is provided at the back of this manual to ensure that the holes are drilled in the correct position.

Note:

The above modification to drill the holes relates to the original GEN 1 and some of the earlier GEN 2 Awnings only.

Later, GEN 2 Awnings are pre-drilled and only require the removal of the grommet plug to expose the holes.

Refer to Page 8 of this manual for detailed drilling instructions.



1. Cut out the template which relates to your model awning (GEN 1 or GEN 2)
2. Fold the template along the dotted line and place it against the inside of the main perpendicular rafter arm
3. Ensure that template aligns perfectly along the top and bottom of the rafter arm.
Mark the hole location through the template
4. Drill a pilot hole with a 3mm (1/8") drill bit, followed by the 8mm (5/16") drill
5. Remove sharp edges



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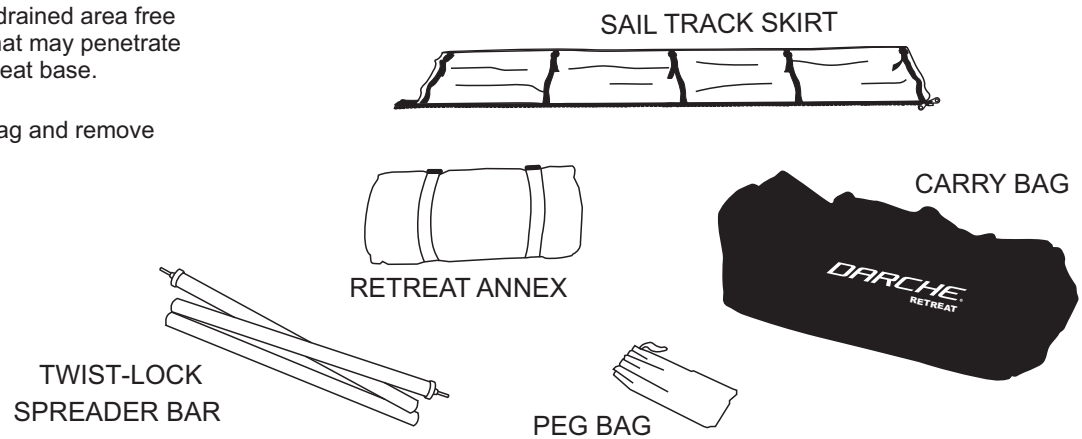
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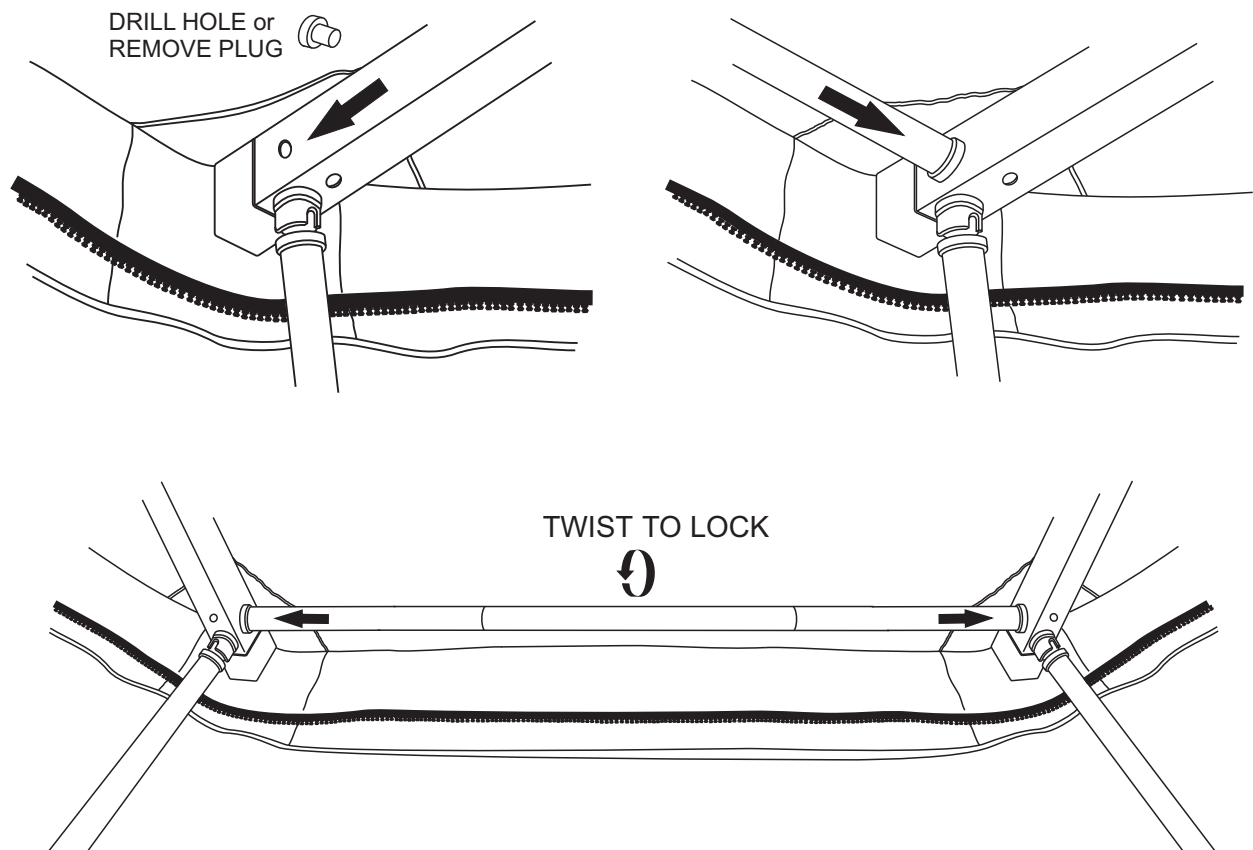
Un-zip the carry bag and remove contents.



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Locate the twist-lock spreader bar and attach this to your Awning. Insert each end into the newly drilled holes in the perpendicular rafter arms.

Tension and twist-lock to secure.



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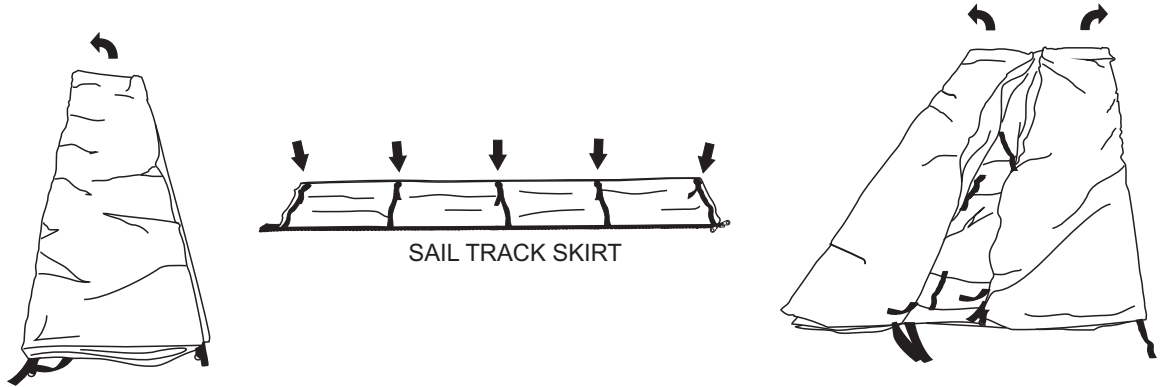
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Unroll the Retreat and locate the sail track skirt.

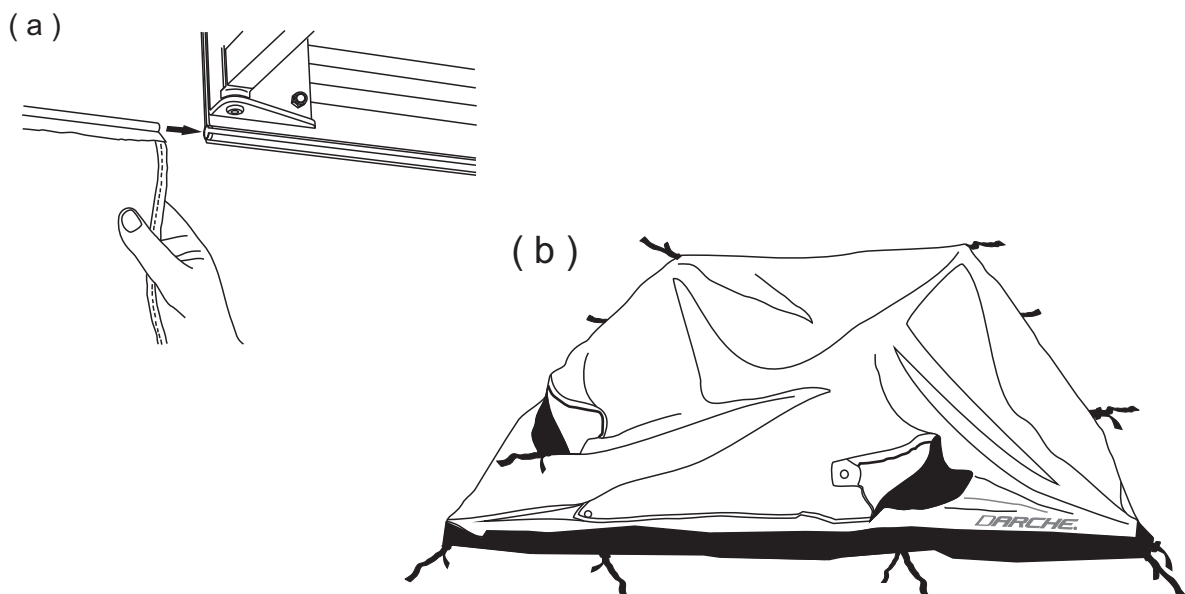
Note: The skirt may be already zipped onto the Annex. If so, separate from the Annex to assist in assembly.



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Slide the skirt into the sail track on the underside of your Awning ensuring the tension straps are facing your vehicle (a).

Position the Retreat under your Awning so the front door is facing away from your vehicle (b).



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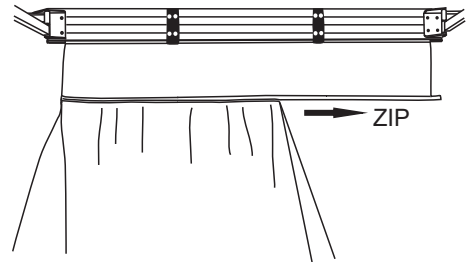
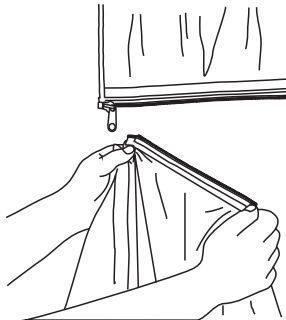
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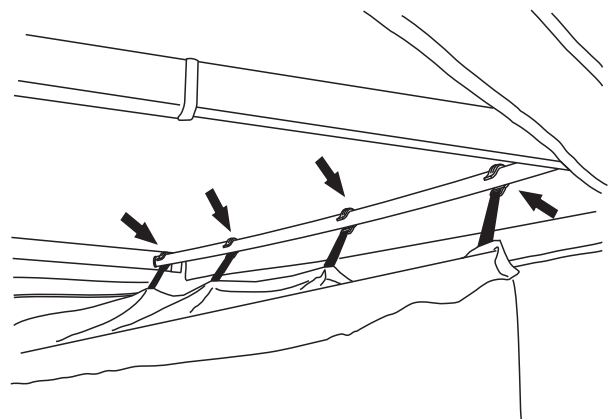
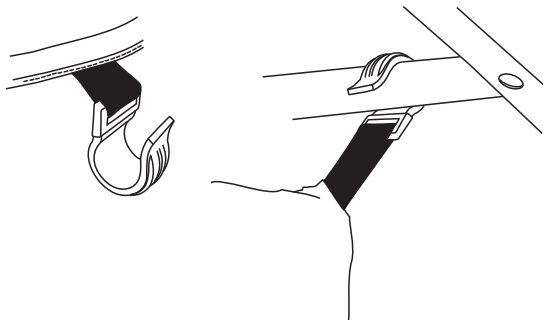
Locate the zip on the rear edge of the Annex roof and zip this to the sail track skirt.

Note: To relieve pressure from the zip, it is important to support the excess weight of the Retreat with your other hand, whilst zipping.



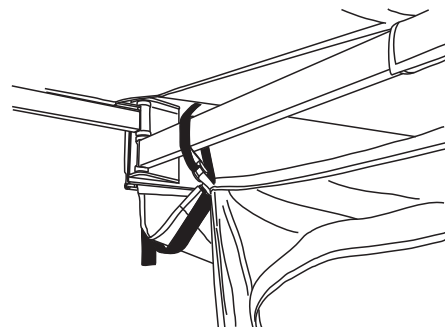
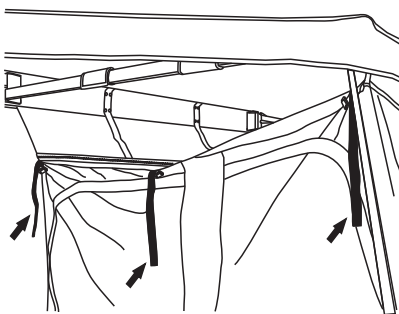
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Locate the hooks on the opposite end of the Annex and attach these to the twist-lock spreader bar.



8

Attach the hook & loops straps to the Awning perpendicular rafter arms.



Tension the straps on the sail track skirt to tension the Annex roof.
The straps can be accessed via the rear vehicle access door from inside the Annex.

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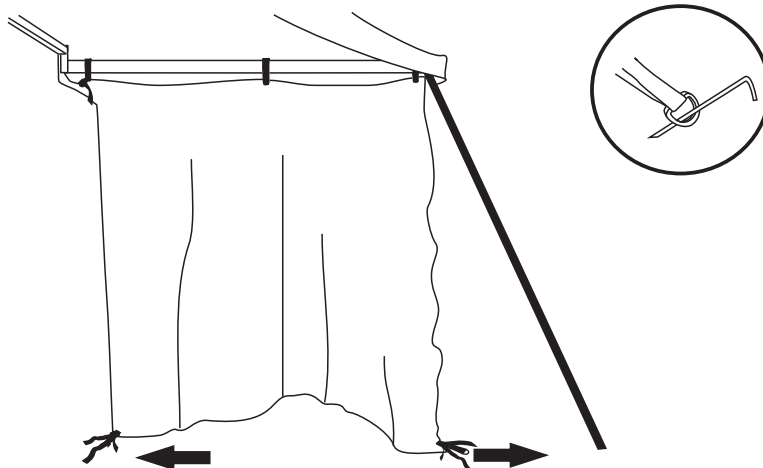
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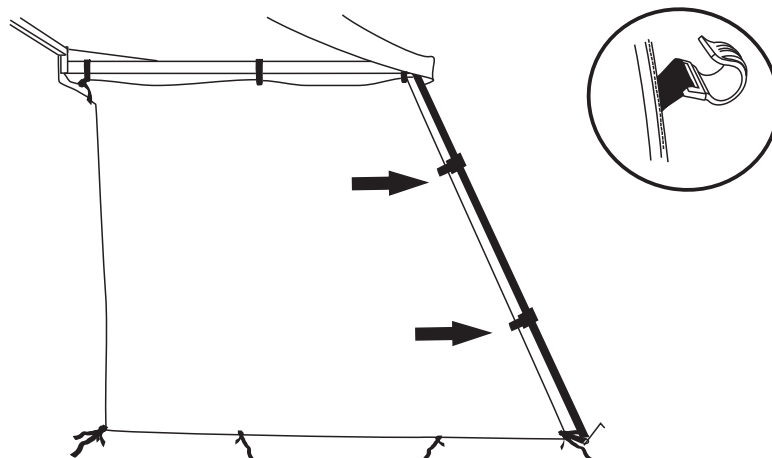
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Pull the base taut and peg through the D rings on each corner and under each entry point.



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Adjust the Awning leg poles at an angle to correspond with the side of the annex and attach the holding clips.



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CLEANING

Clean with cold water and a bristle brush. Do not use soaps and detergents. Do not expose to petrol, diesel, oils or chemicals of any nature.

STORING

Correct storage is vital for the longevity of your Eclipse Retreat. If on occasion the annex is required to be stowed wet, it is essential it is unpacked and dried as soon as possible. Mould, mildew, rot damage and incorrect storage is not covered under warranty.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

The Darche Eclipse Retreat has been designed for general camping use under normal conditions. Always ensure all guy ropes are used on the awning and the annex is anchored correctly. It may be necessary to re-adjust guy ropes and pegs at times to maintain the structural integrity of the awning and annex.



To avoid chances of personal injury and or property damage, DARCHE highly recommends the Eclipse Awnings should NOT be erected during windy conditions.

Damaged caused by wind and adverse weather will not be covered by warranty.

WEATHERPROOF CONSTRUCTION

DARCHE has taken great care in the selection of materials, design and development to ensure Tents and Awnings are suitably weatherproof with the use of water repellent coatings and high frequency seam sealing. DARCHE have strived to eliminate water ingress as best as possible on its recreational Tents, Shelters and Awnings.

Unfortunately with the addition of zips and multiple layer seams, wind driven rain may cause water to ingress at times. To minimise this, ensure all rain flaps are adequately covering the zips.

USING THE OPTIONAL WALLS

The zip on awning walls can be used with the DARCHE Retreat and will provide a sheltered / protected area around the annex. When attached to the Awning, they are designed to create a shaded area and help reduce dust.

IN WINDY CONDITIONS IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED NOT TO ERECT THE AWNING AND WALLS AS PERSONAL INJURY AND OR PROPERTY DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

POOLING OF WATER

In certain weather conditions, water may pool on the roof of the Awning directly above where the Retreat Annex is installed. This is due to the installation of the 'Twist Lock Spreader Bar' which reduces the effectiveness of the rain run-off tabs between the rafter arms of the Awning.

To overcome this issue, an Annex Adjustable Pole is available from Darche and can be found on our website.
Product Code: T050801189



SAFETY WARNINGS

KEEP ALL FLAME AND HEAT SOURCES AWAY FROM THE FABRIC.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY NAKED FLAME SOURCES BE USED NEAR THE AWNING AND ANNEX.

KEEP CAMP FIRES AWAY FROM THE AWNING AND ANNEX.

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR ANY AIRBORNE BURNING EMBERS THAT MAY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE ANNEX.

KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER OR WATER BUCKET NEARBY.

DO NOT OPERATE ANY DEVICE WHICH BURNS FUEL INSIDE THE ANNEX.

KEEP EXITS CLEAR.

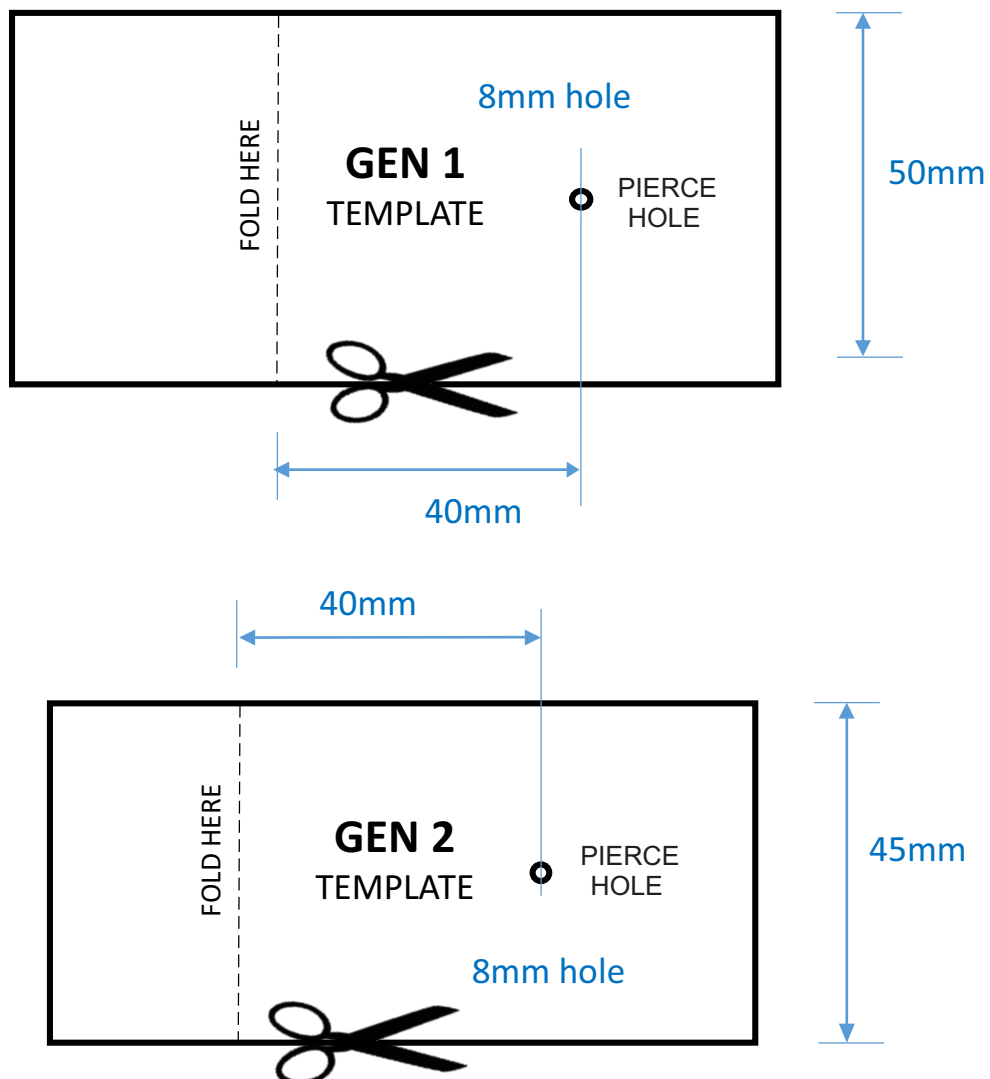
DARCHE RECOMMENDS FIXING ALL GUY ROPES AT ALL TIMES WHEN AWNING AND ANNEX IS IN USE.

REMAIN CAUTIOUS AROUND GUY ROPES TO PREVENT INJURY.

ENSURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED AROUND THE AWNING AT ALL TIMES.

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