

47: how not to fry yourself with a Trangia stove

answers

- 1) The stove might tip over.
- 2) Stuff might melt or catch fire.
- 3) Your stove might get knocked over & you might get scolded.
- 4) You might scold yourself.
- 5) The flame might blow back into your face.
- 6) The fuel bottle might catch on fire.
- 7) You might make yourself really sick.
- 8) you might start a bushfire
- 9) You could die from poisonous fumes.

further activities

- 1) Ask students to draw up a series of safety rules for use of Trangia stoves. For example, always move slowly & deliberately around stoves.
- 2) Demonstrate other sorts of stoves & discuss their relative merits (e.g. efficiency, safety, etc.).
- 3) Ask students to research Trangia accidents on the net (Trangia + accident) & write up/report on a case study.
- 4) Make a half class set of this worksheet, laminate each sheet & use it to revise basic safety principles before cooking in the field.

teachers' notes

Trangia management is probably too complex a topic to properly address here, but it is key part of keeping your group safe. Cooking circles, fuel stations, revision mini-lessons & having at least one designated staff member watching beginners are all worth considering. For more information, see the chapter on stoves & cooking in *Bushwalking & ski touring leadership* (2000).