

LAWS OF TENT LIVING

ROUGHING IT IN A TENT MONTH AFTER MONTH IS TOUGH DUTY.

WHO KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN YOU?



TENT LIVING MAKES SPECIAL DEMANDS ON YOUR SAFETY, HEALTH AND SANITATION.

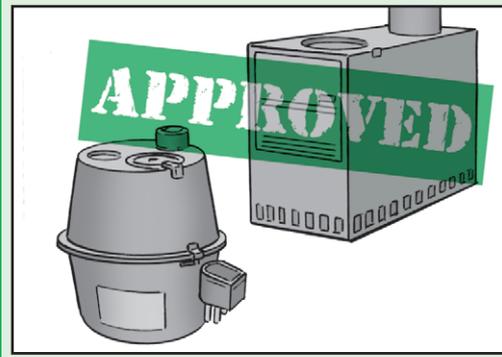


THAT'S WHY A TENT CITY NEEDS SOME *SENSIBLE* HOUSING RULES, GUIDELINES TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR BUDDIES, SHELTER AND GEAR.

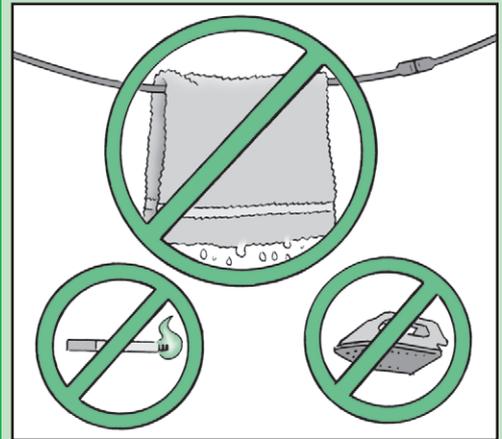


WE'VE COMPILED A FEW "LAWS OF TENT LIVING" YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER...

Fire Safety



- Use only heaters approved for military use—like those in the family of space heaters (FOSH).



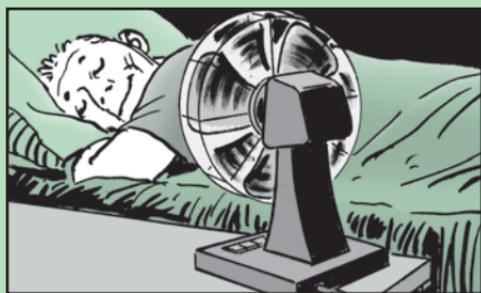
- Never use hot plates, microwaves or irons.
- Make sure all lights and electrical devices are turned off when you leave.
- Don't use frayed, spliced or damaged extension cords.
- Don't hang wet clothes or put other objects on top of interior wiring.
- Make sure the voltage entering your tent matches the voltage of your appliances. For instance, don't plug a 110-volt appliance into an outlet providing 220-volt power. You'll not only lose the appliance, but you could start a fire. You need to get a transformer.



- No smoking within 50 feet of tents. And no smoking on decks or additions. Keeping your distance is especially important if your tent has been soaked in kerosene to repel insects.
- Station a fire extinguisher by each door.



Health and Sanitation



- In the heat of summer it's hard to keep a tent cool. Consider buying a fan at the PX to help circulate air.



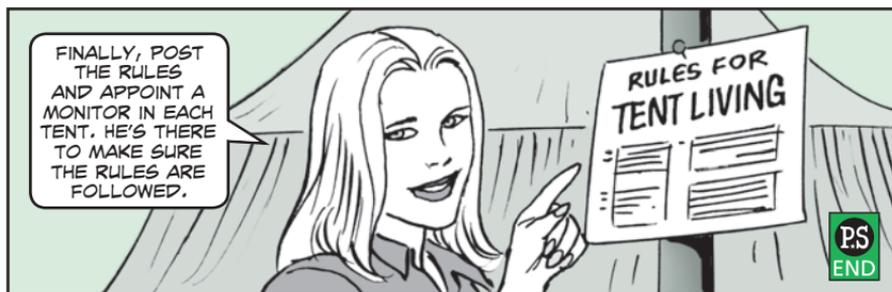
- Don't play with the air conditioner controls. If you set the unit below 68°F, it could freeze up. Then you'll have no cool air for the two to three hours it takes for the unit to thaw out.

- Don't eat or store food in tents. Food attracts insects, mice, rats and snakes—and you don't need extra bunk mates.



- Depending on local SOP, generators might be taken down daily for maintenance. Be prepared for those times you'll have no air conditioning and possibly no electrical power.
- Do not block doors. Make sure to keep the halls and doorways clean and free of obstructions.
- Inspect the tents monthly or as needed.

- Take out the garbage each day.



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