

KIWIBURN SURVIVAL GUIDE

This guide is designed to answer questions you may have and help you prepare for KiwiBurn. Please read it, and print a copy to bring with you and to share with others.

Absolutely critical information:

It rained heavily for short periods twice in 2007.

Sandflies are very thick on site.

The NZ sun is brutally strong, as there is a large hole in the ozone layer here.

There is no buying or selling of anything on site, and there is a fee for leaving and coming back once you have been admitted.

There is no public rubbish disposal. Kiwiburn is a leave no trace event.

Thus,

Bring waterproof clothing and shelter. Bring changes of dry clothes in waterproof bags or bins.

Bring insect repellent.

Bring high SPF sunscreen.

Bring everything you need to survive and thrive for 3 days, plus extra.

Be prepared to share and give.

Be prepared to pack out your own rubbish. Clean as you go. Keep your camp tidy and secure from wind.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants at KiwiBurn must bring all necessities to the festival: food, shelter, water, fuel, and basic first aid supplies. As you read these guidelines for responsible behaviour, please keep in mind that you are responsible for yourself at all times, in every regard, as you approach, once you enter, and as you leave KiwiBurn. Above and beyond the provision for individual survival, everyone is requested to help ensure our collective survival by following very basic rules relating to public safety and community wellbeing. Everyone is expected to abide by these standards. Community membership is a privilege. Violation of these requirements could result in ejection from the community.

The Ten Commandments

1. **No cruising!**

The KiwiBurn site is designed for pedestrians and bicycles. No cars, motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts or go-carts are allowed to driven in our town or the surrounding area, except for registered art vehicles. Remember: the event ends Monday, and there is still no driving allowed on Sunday night.

2. **Respect public boundaries.**

Kiwiburn will establish a boundary around the event. No camping is allowed outside this area.

3. **You can not buy or sell anything.**

Kiwiburn is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy.

4. **No rubbish receptacles are provided.**

Please take everything you bring to the event and receive at the event back home with you. Do not empty rubbish or put anything other than human waste in the portable toilets. Contribute to our long-term survival: Pack it In, Pack it Out. You are responsible for the condition of your campsite and nearby public areas of Kiwiburn. Clean up as you go! Do not deposit rubbish in neighboring towns.

5. **Burn area safety is essential.**

All structures must be 15 metres (50 feet) from any burn area. You must bag and haul ash from anything burned. Aerial flares, rockets, explosives, and fireworks are prohibited at

KiwiBurn and could result in a fine. Straw or hay bales are not allowed, except by previous consent. Respect artwork. If artwork is to be burned, ONLY the artist who created it may ignite it. No fires on any kind are allowed on the unprotected ground surface.

6. Large-scale Sound Art zones are located at the far ends of our settlement. As a rough guideline, a maximum volume of 90 decibels at 30 meters distance from the speakers is permitted in the Sound Art Zone, but if you are annoying people, we will have to work things out. If a problem with sound levels continues after sufficient warning, the device or system will be disabled.

7. KiwiBurn is a no dog event.

Do not show up with your dog at the gate of KiwiBurn and expect to be admitted to the event. This restriction is for the well-being and safety of participants, their four legged friends, and the protection of stock on site and in the area.

8. Violation of these rules, or violent or anti-social behaviour, can result in revocation of your ticket and ejection from the event without refund.

No one under 18 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Our admission Gate will be open at 10.00a.m on Friday, February 1st. Tickets sold at the gate will be priced SUBSTANTIALLY higher than advance sale tickets. PAYMENT FOR TICKETS: CASH ONLY; NO CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED! NO tickets will be sold at the Gate after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3rd.

9. KiwiBurn does not promote or condone the use of illegal drugs.

The use of such drugs in a physically challenging and hazardous environment can create a serious health risk. Underage drinking is forbidden by law. Sex acts are prohibited in the civic space of KiwiBurn and in unrestricted public environments. KiwiBurn also supports your right to privacy as a resident of our community.

10. NO firearms! The possession of firearms or ammunition within KiwiBurn is prohibited. Neither our event nor the surrounding area is suitable for recreational shooting.

Toilets: If it wasn't made by your body, don't put it in the potty!

Portable toilets will be provided, and will be emptied regularly. Use these facilities only for their intended purpose - **not for dumping rubbish or your personal potty bags**. Putting anything but human waste and one-ply toilet paper (2-ply is a BIG no-no) into the portable toilets makes pumping nearly impossible and threatens the survival of the KiwiBurn event. This includes tampons, rubbish, and handy wipes. Read it again: NO TAMPONS, RUBBISH OR HANDY WIPES in the portable toilets. THIS MEANS YOU!! Put the lid down when you're done - it helps keep odours under control. **Do not dump grey water or bags from your personal "pottie" in the portables** rented for participant use; doing so will fill them up much faster than normal and result in nasty toilets for all. For tips on dealing conscientiously with your grey water, see the section on grey water in this guide. Our toilet vendor works very hard to keep us all happy. Clean toilets are mandatory from a public health standpoint. Follow the guidelines above and you'll find the toilets cleaned frequently and efficiently. Please do not relieve yourself outdoors; it is illegal and an unpleasant mess for everyone, especially for those who reshop the area after the event.

CULTURE AT KIWIBURN

KiwiBurn is an Experiment in Temporary Community.

Because many people only know a world shaped by institutions, service workers and commercial transactions, they may not even recognize the signs of a community. Here are a few indications:

Capacity

Communities are built on the recognition of the unique abilities of every member. Commerce and the public service sector define us on the basis of deficiency and need.

Collective Effort

Community is cooperative - uniting us as varied members of one body. When, by contrast, we

consume a service, we're made passive. 50 million people may view a television program or consume a beverage in complete isolation from one another.

Informality

In the community, transactions of value take place without money, advertising, or hype. Care emerges in place of structured service.

Stories

In universities, people know through studies. In businesses and bureaucracies, people know by reports. In communities, people know by stories.

Celebration

Community activities incorporate celebration, parties and other social events. The line between work and play is blurred and the human nature of everyday life becomes part of the way you work. You will know that you are in a community if you often hear laughter and singing.

RADICAL SELF RELIANCE

Your survival depends on your reading and following these lists:

What You Must Bring:

- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude
- Your ticket, Photo ID and confirmation number for "will call"
- 6 litres of water per person per day (for drinking, showering, washing, and food preparation). Carry a bottle of water with you at all times. Electrolytes will help keep you from being dehydrated.
- Enough food/beverages for your entire party
- Rain Proof clothing and shelter. Extra changes of dry clothes in waterproof storage. IT RAINED 2 NIGHTS IN 2007. BE PREPARED.
- Warm clothing for evenings – it can get cold in the Central North Island!
Bedding and shelter of some type - the winds can exceed 75 kph, and the mid-day temperature can exceed 30°C.
- A good camp tent is recommended along with warm sleeping bags.
- Rubbish bags
- Torches and spare batteries (headlamps are useful) to be sure you can see and be seen at night. Glowsticks, LEDs and flashies are good for making yourself visible
- Sunscreen/sunblock lotion and sunglasses. Long sleeves and pant legs and a hat are also very helpful.
- Bug repellent. THERE ARE LOTS OF SANDFLIES AT THE SITE, and NORTH AMERICANS ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. If you find bug repellent, well, repulsive, you may find that long sleeves and pant legs, socks, and hats will prevent many bites. This will also protect you from the sun. Some New Zealand made skin balms based on bee propolis and tree resin can help treat sandfly bites after you have received them.
- Fire extinguishers, if you plan to burn your art or have a generator or burn barrel.
- First-aid kit
- Any required prescriptions, contact lens supplies (disposables work great, pack out your rubbish), or whatever else you need to maintain your health and comfort in a remote area with no services.

We Strongly Suggest You Bring:

- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets; something to break the cruel mid-day sun. For those coming from other countries, New Zealand's sun is stronger than anywhere else in the world. The sun here can burn you in **less than 20 minutes**, even with sunscreen on.
- A wide brim hat (a chinstrap is useful)
- A raincoat and or umbrella
- A cooking stove if you expect to heat food or liquid
- Earplugs! (Not everyone is going to want to sleep when you do.)
- Watertight protective bags for clothing, cameras or electronic gear
- Lotion/lip balm to treat cracked skin
- Smokers: portable ashtrays (e.g. mint tin that doesn't leak ashes, or film canister)

- Costumes, musical instruments, props, banners, signs, and anything else you can think of that might make the experience more fun for you and your neighbours
- Camp marker (flag, flasher, distinctive marking)
- 300mm (12") tent stakes (High winds are likely; rebar is cheap and effective.)
- Plastic bottles or tennis balls to top and protect dangerous rebar stakes
- Extra set of car keys (keys are easily lost!)

Helpful Things to Bring:

- Sewing kit
- Rope and/or string
- Ribbons, Mylar, etc., to flag tent ropes/guy lines
- Handy wipes
- Duct tape
- Gifts to give to new friends

Things NOT to Bring:

- Feathers of any kind e.g., boas (They shed, no matter what you do - try marabou instead.)
- Glass containers of any kind if at all avoidable
- Excess packaging from foods (For example, remove outer box from cereals and just bring the inner bag.)
- Loose glitter
- Nuts in their shells
- Anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind
- Styrofoam Chillybins (they don't hold up and will break into a million bits)
- Explosives, aerial flares, rockets, Firearms of any kind - including BB guns, air rifles, or paint ball guns

COMMUNITY

Early Arrivals

Kiwiburn opens on Friday, February 1 2008 at 10.00am. PRE REGISTERED volunteers, theme camps, and art installations may arrive Wednesday 30 Jan 2008 or later. You MUST have received permission to arrive early from the event staff. All others will be turned away. We are not ready to receive participants before the event begins because we haven't finished building the infrastructure.

When arriving, be aware that you may be required to wait for some time at the gate as others collect their tickets and are welcomed. Please be patient, and considerate of the fact that this is a public highway with limited vehicle pull-off areas. Pull your vehicle as far to the side of the road as possible to leave room for through traffic, and have patience.

In-and-Out Policy

Casual traffic in and out of KiwiBurn is strongly discouraged. Participants who leave and return by personal means will be required to pay a fee of at least \$20 per person, undetermined at the time of this writing. See website for more details. It is suggested that if you absolutely must go to town, you group with others, make a list and send one person, thus minimising the cost to yourself.

Information and Lost & Found

Anything found on the ground should be turned in to the volunteers.

Participation

If you want to broaden your participation in the event, there are ample opportunities. Visit Centre Camp. Ours is a society of activists. When we see a job that needs to be done, we are inclined to roll up our sleeves and pitch in. Keep this in mind: there is no "they", only "us." KiwiBurn is a 100% participant funded and staffed event. Sadly, there are always a few people who just don't get it. These folks believe that the mystical "they" will appear to provide for their needs and clean up their mess. Help us instruct them. If you see someone acting irresponsibly, introduce yourself and speak up. Also, don't be a "participation snob". Just because someone isn't costumed or visibly participating doesn't mean they aren't

contributing.

Burning Etiquette

The burning of public structures, such as lampposts or bulletin boards, is prohibited. Likewise, the burning of other people's artwork is forbidden. Individual artists have the sole right to burn their own creation. Do NOT burn other people's property! If you witness such vandalism, please inform a volunteer. If you would like to burn your art but don't have a suitable burn platform, please talk to the volunteers at Centre Camp. You may be able to include it in one of the main burns.

Telephone Service

Mobile phones work in the Whakamaru Domain. Public telephones are available in the town of Mangakino.

Freedom & the Media

The media are a part of our experience at KiwiBurn. Freedom of the press dictates that we cannot exclude them, nor would we want to - they are our opportunity to affect the world by illustrating what we do together as a community. Reporting and documenting is a form of expression. However, we do limit the number of video crews that we approve to film at the event. Those approved to film are pledged not to interfere with your experience. Should you feel that someone toting a camera is creating a nuisance, contact a volunteer.

Commercial use of all imagery taken at KiwiBurn is forbidden without express permission. All professional photographers with intent to receive compensation for a KiwiBurn image (including editorial or gallery) must check in with the organisers. Pre- or post-event, photographers should register at www.kiwiburn.com, or email info@kiwiburn.com for permission. ALL motion-capturing video and film cameras must be registered, whether for personal or professional purposes. There is no filming without express permission.

Rental Trucks, Corporate Logos, Commerce and Concessions

Corporate advertising is not allowed at KiwiBurn. Participants with rental trucks are enthusiastically encouraged to cover or decorate prominent logos. The display or distribution of corporate banners, corporate logos, giveaway items, samples, and other such promotional paraphernalia is strictly prohibited.

The sale of products and services is prohibited within our community. Bring what you need. Sales of hand-made items and food items "in order to cover costs of the trip" are not allowed. There is NO participant vending. Ask your neighbors should you need a specific item. Confront your own survival. This is not a consumer event.

RVs

You are welcome to bring a recreational vehicle. Be aware, however, that there is no dumping station on-site, and you will not be allowed to dump on the ground.

Our Neighbors

You will pass through the communities of Taupo and Mangakino. Mangakino boasts a grocery shop - it is your last chance to purchase provisions! - a gas station, a car repair and towing service, and various shops. Please remember that these towns are NOT extensions of KiwiBurn. DO NOT replenish your water supply from a local spigot. This water belongs to local residents. DO NOT deposit any form of rubbish here or by the roadside. DO NOT speed through these towns, and avoid blocking driveways if you park your car. The citizens of Taupo and Mangakino welcome us, but bad behaviour on your part can undermine this relationship. Behave as you would in any small community. Be courteous and patient, dress appropriately and do not impart a party atmosphere. We are guests here. Be friendly to all local residents.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Ensure OUR LONGTERM SURVIVAL

- Secure your load! Pack carefully and make sure your rubbish and other items do not come loose on the ride home and litter the roads.

- Please join with your neighbors on Sunday and Monday after the burn, or schedule two hours on your own during your stay to help clean up our town. The nice folks in Centre Camp can help steer you to a cleanup project.
- Do not dump grey water on to the ground.

In addition to contributing time toward the overall event site cleanup on Sunday and Monday, we ask that all camps walk their occupied area on a grid pattern to effectively identify and remove all stray MOOP- Matter Out of Place - both organic and inorganic. We recommend the last person leaving self-identify as the "final" Leave No Trace monitor for your camp. This person should coordinate with the camp's "Leave No Trace planner" during the event. Our lease allows for a very short time to reshop the venue to its original condition, and everyone helping makes this task much faster.

Waste Reduction and Recycle Resolutions:

1. **Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!!**
2. **Choose non-glass containers.** Never throw glass in fires. It will shatter and create a miserable pickup chore. If you bring bottles, take them home with you and recycle them there.
3. **Separate rubbish.** Bring a mesh bag to dehydrate wet rubbish "compost" or a 5-gallon sealable bucket to shop. This will isolate and reduce the burden of rotting food refuse. Burnable rubbish should be separated from recyclable materials.
4. **THINK AHEAD!** Remove unnecessary product packaging before you leave home. Choose less messy menu items (finger foods). Avoid leftovers (feed your neighbors). Bring pre-cooked food (shop in zip-type bags for easy-to-eat food on the run).
5. **Reuse containers.** For example, concentrated juice may be purchased in 1 litre plastic bottles. Mix this into a large water jug, and use the original concentrate bottle to drink out of over and over.
6. **Choose crushable aluminium cans over plastic and glass.** Bring aluminium cans to Recycle Camp.
7. **Bring your own reusable beverage container** to the coffee camp or cocktail parties - ideally one you can attach to your outfit wherever you go. A mug with a loop handle would work.

Top 9 MOOP Avoidance TIPS: (MOOP = Matter Out Of Place)

1. Clean as you go (you won't see it later as layers of dust accumulate.) Monitoring your camp daily for litter will keep errant rubbish from disappearing only to resurface during the next inspection.
2. Put a weight on, or tie down anything in your camp that can blow away. Don't throw anything on the ground. Why stop and stoop for it later?
3. Smokers! Carry a portable ashtray (a sealable receptacle or put butts in your pocket) with you at all times. NEVER, EVER drop butts on the ground or in public areas like the porta potties.
4. Don't use loose glitter or bring feather boas.
5. Police your campsite on a grid before leaving. Remove EVERYTHING.
6. When unloading firewood, drilling/cutting any wood or PVC, put a drop cloth down on the ground first.
7. For collecting and containing broken glass, nails, screws and other sharp objects: take an empty plastic water jug and cut the top off (3" diameter hole) so that the handle remains intact. Don't forget gloves. For dust that has glass, wood chips, bark or anything too small to pick up, sweeping up with a push broom into a dust pan and depositing in a bucket for disposal at home is best.
8. If you plan to burn art or any large objects: bring a shovel and metal containers to scoop up and remove any ashes.
9. Put a pan or tarp under your vehicle to catch any fluids that may leak out onto the ground.

BURNING : Area Protection And Public Pyres

Burn Scars

A burn scar is a discolouration of the surface soil caused by chemical changes in the minerals due to contact with intense heat from fire. Obviously, the most effective way to eliminate burn

scars is to not start fires directly on the ground. A fireplace, burn barrel or barbeque (in permitted areas only) can be effective for small fires.

Digging Holes

Do not excavate holes in the ground.. Small potholes (6 inches or less in diameter & less than 2 feet deep) used for structural support are the sole exception. When digging such a hole it is best to use an auger or a pothole digger, NOT a shovel. Bag the dirt you are removing so that it does not blow away in the wind. Refill the hole by carefully tamping the soil back into place. Repeat this process every few inches. An inverted sledgehammer works well for this. Experience has shown that the larger holes easily erode within a year's time, even when carefully backfilled. They leave a visible mark and create a serious safety hazard to drivers and livestock throughout the rest of the year.

SOUND POLICY

The country is a natural amplifier and it doesn't take much to produce a large amount of sound. Bass travels multi-directionally and cannot be effectively contained with any structures. This gives "sound" as an art form an unfair advantage over other art forms. KiwiBurn is dedicated to radical self-expression, but it is also dedicated to creating community. This means we all must find a way to get along with our neighbours.

Not everyone will want to sleep when you do. Be advised that the only reliable way to get a quiet, uninterrupted night's sleep is to bring earplugs.

If you are unable to agree with your neighbours over the level of sound emitted from their camp, you may ask for staff to mediate.

If you use an amplified audio system at your camp, the volume must be held to reasonable levels. Speakers must be elevated off the ground, and backed by a truck, camper or anything large and solid enough to prevent the sound from traveling backwards. If a problem with sound levels continues after sufficient requests and warnings, the source of power for such device or system will be disabled.

The hum of generators can become annoying over a long period of time. Please keep your neighbours in mind. We recommend generators that are sound insulated. Do NOT dig a trench to sound-insulate your generator - enclose it in a wooden box.

High volume sound (greater than 90db at 30m distance) is only permitted in registered sound camps in the sound art zone. As a guideline, the volume from a sound camp/art installation should be less than 90db at 30m distance from the speakers. Speakers must be directed away from the main camping zones. If your sound art is audible above 40db (quiet library level) in the quiet zone at night, you may be asked to turn it down.

In the quiet camping zone noise must be kept at a minimum. Musical instruments or stereos cannot be played there at night, and conversation should be kept to a minimum.

Large Scale Sound Art Zone

All large-scale sound systems will be located in a Large-Scale Sound Art Zone. Like all theme camps, these camps will be encouraged to be as creative and interactive as possible. When this zone is filled, no more sound systems will be permitted at KiwiBurn.

VOLUNTEERS AT KIWIBURN

Kiwiburn has a dedicated group of volunteers in attendance, who are there to help with the smooth running of things and deal with emergencies and issues as they arise.

Volunteers. The volunteers might be found doing any job, from duties similar to those of rangers in Black Rock City, to giving out information, dealing with lost and found people and things, and generally making everybody's lives a bit easier. They will be on the greeter station, parking cars, handing out cups of tea, banging in nails, and rescuing fair maidens from fire breathing dragons. If you need to know something, a volunteer will probably be able to tell you what you need to know. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to our website (<http://www.kiwiburn.com>) and register your interest. The more the merrier!

Ministry of Public Works. The Kiwiburn Ministry of Public Works (MPW) is the group that plans, surveys, builds, and takes down the basic infrastructure of our temporary community. It will work hand-in-hand with other departments to ensure the site for Kiwiburn 08 is prepared and ready to receive the participants on arrival.

This includes:

- Marking and maintaining access roads, walkways and signage, and community lighting
- Building the Man, Centre Camp, the lantern spires, the Gate and entrance to the community
- Surveying camp site boundaries, theme camp and artwork locations, signage and border fencing
- Interfacing with staff and outside agency facilities
- Directing potty placement
- Assisting with major art projects

The MPW people will be easily identified by their shirts bearing this logo.

If you have questions about the building and maintenance of structures onsite, or if you want to know more about the MPW's volunteer needs, please contact our Minister for Public Works, Chris Hankins (Kiwi) at chrishankins54@gmail.com or phone 09 372 6853, mobile 021 1125018.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT KIWIBURN

What law enforcement agencies patrol the event?

It is possible that police will come and patrol during KiwiBurn at some point. It is not the mission of these agencies to police your lifestyle or inhibit self-expression. They fulfill the same function as the police in any town. It is their duty to respond to any infraction of the law that is brought to their attention.

What is illegal? What are the consequences?

KiwiBurn is subject to local and national law.

Serving alcohol to minors is a violation of the law. It is illegal in New Zealand to give alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 18 in a public place. Although KiwiBurn has some characteristics of a private event, please don't forget that with respect to public safety laws, KiwiBurn is considered public space. For example, if your theme camp has a "bar" open to participants where alcoholic drinks are gifted then it is considered a public space in the eyes of the law. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the person serving alcohol to check IDs and ensure that everyone in the immediate vicinity is at least 18 years old.

The use and possession of illegal drugs and possession of such drugs with intent to distribute are violations of the law. The possession of marijuana, even in small quantities, is illegal in New Zealand. This can result in a criminal charge, and conviction can lead to fines and periodic detention. Possession of any other illegal drug is a crime and associated sentences increase with the class of the drug. See here for more details on drug classification and sentences in New Zealand:

<http://www.ndp.govt.nz/drugs/legislation/modasummarytables.htm>

The possession of any illegal drug with intent to distribute is a more serious offence. The possession of large quantities or a variety of drugs may be interpreted as evidence of intent to

distribute. Furthermore, the act of distribution is not confined to the sale of such substances. It can mean any form of distribution including gifts. Giving a gift of an illegal substance, even a very small amount, is viewed as a form of distribution. The offence of distribution involves incarceration.

Possession of drug paraphernalia is a violation of the law. Just saying.

Driving under the influence is a crime in New Zealand. Compulsory breath testing is in law here, and if you're found to be over the limit you will lose your license immediately and be subject to conviction and a fine.

Any act of assault or theft is a violation of the law. You may be charged in court and face prison time.

The discharge of unauthorized fireworks is a violation of the law.

Public and Private; Your right to privacy.

KiwiBurn is a state of mind, an extremely interactive environment, ordered by gift giving. Many distinctions between what is private and what is public tend to soften and disappear. However, KiwiBurn is also subject to local and national laws. If you violate these laws you may be subject to arrest. If a law enforcement representative requests to enter your home — your tent or your RV — you do not have to admit them unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. However, with probable cause and in some emergency situations (as when a person is screaming for help inside, when the police are chasing someone, or when an officer witnesses illegal activity occurring within your home) they are allowed to enter and search your domicile without a warrant. Both sight and scent of illegal activity may be held by a court to represent probable cause. Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, police can search you, your property or your vehicle without a warrant, as long as they have reason to believe there is illegal drug activity taking place.

If police wish to question you, you only have to supply them with your name and address. You are not required to answer any of their questions unless you have been arrested and charged. Even then you are entitled to have a lawyer present when making a statement. However, if you are approached by police, please remember that they are there for a reason and do a very good job. New Zealand police are generally pretty good people, and being polite and helpful will stand you in good stead for any further dealings you may have with them.

For Overseas Visitors:

About the highways leading to the event:

Representatives of LTSA are present on the highways leading to our event. Speed limits are strictly enforced in all areas and both fixed and handheld speed cameras are in operation. The open road is also heavily patrolled. It can be very dangerous to pull over - a large portion of NZ highway is bordered by soft shoulders. However, should your car break down it is wise to pull over as far as possible to avoid slowing traffic or creating a hazard. You should drive carefully and observe all speed limits.

If the police stop your car, remember the following:

1. Upon request, show police officers your driver's license. In certain cases, your car can be searched without a warrant if the police have probable cause (e.g., if there is contraband visible to the officer). If the officer has probable cause, he or she will inform you that they are going to do a search. You should not resist. If, however, the officer asks you if you consent to a search, then you have the right to refuse consent. It is not lawful for police to arrest you simply for refusing to consent to a search.
2. If you're given a ticket, you should accept it; otherwise you can be arrested. You can fight the case in court later.
3. If you're suspected of alcohol or drug impaired driving (DUI) and refuse to take a blood, urine or breath test, you can be taken into custody. It is illegal to refuse a breath or blood test in New Zealand.

HOW TO GET THERE

Getting to Whakamaru from Tokoroa (if you come from Auckland or Hamilton)

Find your way to Tokoroa. As you come out on the Taupo side of Tokoroa, there is a turnoff to your right (SH 32 or Whakamaru Road) that is signposted to Mangakino and Turangi. Take this road, stay on it and in approximately 30km, you will come to Whakamaru Dam. You cross the dam and head into Whakamaru. You will not pass through Mangakino, and it is suggested that if you are travelling at night, you stop for last-minute supplies in Tokoroa.

Getting to Whakamaru from Rotorua (if you come from Bay of Plenty)

Head south from Rotorua on SH5. Approximately 2km out of town, SH 30 is on your right. Take this road and stay on it to the end (approximately 35km), where you turn left onto SH 1 towards Taupo. Travel down this road approximately 6km, till you come to a turnoff to your right that is signposted to Te Kuiti (SH 30 again). Take this turnoff and follow this road to the end, where it meets SH 32 from Tokoroa. Here you turn left and very shortly cross a large dam, and into Whakamaru township. If you are travelling at night, your last town for supplies is Rotorua.

Getting to Whakamaru from Turangi (Wellington, other Southerners including folk from Wanganui)

Make your way to Turangi by whatever means you think is best. For those coming from Wellington, the turnoff is to your left about 1km before you get into the main part of Turangi, it's SH 41. For those coming from Wanganui, you'll be on SH 47 (Te Ponanga Saddle Rd) and you'll come to the end of that and turn left onto SH41 in between Turangi and Tokaanu. Either of you, once you're on SH 41, head west for approximately 15km till you come to a very small locality with a dairy on the corner and a turnoff to the right. This locality is called Kuratau Junction and the road you turn into is SH 32, otherwise known as the Western Bay Road, and is signposted Tihoi, Mangakino, Tokoroa.

Keep following SH 32 for approximately 65 km, and where the road ends at a T junction, you are in Whakamaru. Turn left (towards Te Kuiti) at this junction to take you to KiwiBurn. For those coming from the south, your last large town for stocking up with supplies is Turangi.

Getting to Whakamaru from Taumarunui (If you've travelled through the lovely Whangamomona Road from Taranaki/Stratford)

Head out of Taumarunui towards National Park on SH 4. About 5km out of town, turn left onto SH 41. About 30 km along here, start looking out for Kuratau Junction and the left turn onto SH 32 (Western Bay Road). There's a small shop on the corner and it's signposted Tihoi, Mangakino, Tokoroa. Follow this for approximately 65km and where the road ends at a T junction, you are in Whakamaru. Turn left at this junction to take you to KiwiBurn. Your last large town for stocking up with supplies is Taumarunui.

Getting to Whakamaru from Te Kuiti

From Te Kuiti, follow SH 30 east for approximately 80km, just stay on this road and it will take you directly to Mangakino (your last town for supplies). To get from Mangakino to Whakamaru, stay on SH 30 which makes a 90 degree right turn at Mangakino, and head southeast towards Whakamaru. After you pass Waipapa Road, Whakamaru Domain is on your left, just (3.5km) before you get to Whakamaru township, and will be well signposted.

To get to KiwiBurn from Whakamaru

Head out of Whakamaru towards Mangakino (northwest) on SH 30. Whakamaru domain is 3.5km from Whakamaru township, on the right, and will be well signposted.

Travelers Advisory

The speed limit in New Zealand is 100kph on the open road, and 50kph in a town area. There are sometimes 70kph areas on the outskirts of towns. Speed limits are policed.

SAFETY

Travel Tips

Loading your vehicle properly, whether it is a car, truck, trailer, motor home, or anything being towed, will make your trip to and from KiwiBurn safer and less stressful. By applying some simple precautions, your load can be made safe.

- Never exceed the load capacity or the towing capacity of the vehicle or trailer. Check

the recommended (not the maximum) weights for your vehicles and do not exceed them.

- Load your vehicle safely. Heavy items should be located low, centered, and over or between the axles. Secure your load with straps or rope.
- Make sure that the brakes and lights work on the trailer you're towing. (This also applies to all of your vehicles.)
- Always use safety chains, installed between the trailer and the tow vehicle.
- Do not overload the roof or roof rack on your vehicle. Large or bulky objects, even though they are lightweight, can make driving dangerous in cross winds. They may loosen and fall off.
- When towing a trailer, do not exceed the torque weight recommendations for the trailer and the hitch.

Emergency Services

If you or someone you know (or encounter) requires medical assistance, find a Kiwiburn volunteer or visit our First Aid Camp near Centre Camp. Trained emergency medical personnel are on duty 24-hours a day, and emergency evacuation is available. According to our medical staff, the most common problems are dehydration and lacerations from stepping or tripping on unprotected rebar or tent stakes. Please avoid injury and act responsibly.

Personal Safety

While KiwBurn is built on community and cooperation, that doesn't mean citizens are protected from the actions of those with bad intentions. Maintain awareness of your personal safety at the event. Secure your valuables when away from camp. Introduce yourself to neighbors and your local volunteers. Work together to keep your neighbourhood secure. Let someone know where you're going if you wander off alone or with a new friend, and check in frequently. Make new friends, but be alert to the actions of those you meet. Be cautious about accepting drinks in open containers from strangers. Most importantly, use and trust your best instincts.

Kiwiburn can be an erotically charged environment. We want to help prevent sexual harassment and assault while ensuring that sex-positive free expression thrives! It is imperative to know and express your own sexual boundaries and to ask about and respect your partners' boundaries. Silence is not consent. Communication is the best lubricant! To find out more, get in B.E.D. at www.bureauoferoticdiscourse.org.

FUEL SAFETY

Fuel and Hazardous Materials Storage

All participants using combustible fuels in an art installation or storing fuel in camp must comply with the following practices for storing and handling these materials : **Storage of Compressed and Liquefied Gases (CO2, oxygen, propane, nitrogen, etc.)**

- The KiwiBurn volunteers must be notified of fuel presence and location of acetylene cylinders of any size.
- Acetylene cylinders should not be shopd in a horizontal position and must be separated from oxygen cylinders by 10m unless plumbed or on a cutting cart.
- Propane cylinders of 400 litres or more are NOT permitted within KiwiBurn.
- Compressed flammable gases shopd in camping areas require a 10m. safety perimeter, and unobstructed ESD access in case of fire.
- Signage stating "Flammable Fuel " must be easily seen.
- A dry chemical fire extinguisher must be kept visible near, but not on top of the storage location of any liquid fuel.

Storage of Liquid Fuels (gasoline, kerosene, diesel, and white gas)

- 80 litres or more of flammable liquid must be kept within a secondary containment area, such as a petroleum resistant tarp rolled up to provide a berm.
- A supply of cat litter or other fuel absorbent material must be kept on hand near any spills basin.
- All liquid fuel containers must be clearly labeled. Original labels are preferred.
- Liquid fuel containers in camping areas require a 10m. safety perimeter, and unobstructed emergency vehicle access in case of fire.

- A dry chemical fire extinguisher must be kept visible near the storage location of any liquid fuel.

Note: A petroleum, flammable liquid fire burns at the surface of the material. Water will spread the flaming liquid over a wider area, vaporizing it rapidly, spreading the fire. To put out such a fire, cut off its air supply or interrupt its chemical chain reaction using carbon dioxide (CO₂) or dry chemical powder. Both are effective, but dry chemical is best for outdoor use; it's not subject to wind, has a longer range, and can extinguish pressurized leaks of gas and liquid. For good all-around fire protection, use an ABC or all-class fire extinguisher.

More Fuel Safety Reminders

- Shop fuel away from running generators.
- Turn generator OFF before refueling.
- Use a pump when transferring fuel. Do not siphon using your mouth. A mouth full of fuel could be fatal. Wash hands after fueling.
- Keep all equipment in good condition. Watch for leaks, deterioration, or damage.
- If fuel is spilled on clothing, move away from any ignition source, and allow clothing to dry. Use waterless soap for hands. If fuel should splash in eyes, use water to flush.
- Be aware of static electricity. Any spark can ignite gasoline vapours. Always fill containers on the ground, not in or on vehicles.
- Always use a bonding strap when transferring flammables and combustibles between containers.

FIRST AID KIT

Here is a list of some of the basic things everyone should have on hand in their First Aid kit. Should an injury be serious or require more advanced care, the First Aid crew near Centre Camp are there to help. Otherwise, the list below should see you through most minor injuries. Packaged in an airtight container (Ziploc, Rubbermaid, etc):

- Ace wraps
- Aloe Vera gel
- Antacid
- Antibiotic ointment
- Anti-diarrhoea medication
- Aspirin or Ibuprofen
- Band-aids of assorted sizes
- Eye wash solution
- Gauze bandages
- Gauze pads (4x4s)
- Personal prescriptions
- Scissors
- Sunscreen
- Tampons or pads

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

A few tips for staying healthy while you attend KiwiBurn.

Use hand sanitizer:

Use the hand sanitizer after using the porta potties. Apply it faithfully and liberally. If a station is empty, locate a volunteer and let them know so it can be re-stocked.

Regarding food:

Drink only bottled water or water that you know the origin of. Do not accept water from camps that you have doubts about, and do not share water bottles and canteens with other people. Keep the refrigerated food in your camp colder than 10 degrees at all time. Restock the ice frequently and use a thermometer to make sure it is staying cold. If it becomes warm, bacteria will begin to grow and multiply and you will get sick as a result of eating it.

Keep the food surfaces in your camp as clean as you can. Wash your dishes in soapy water and rinse them in water that has 2 teaspoons of bleach added for every four litres of water. Dirty dishes can breed bacteria and make you ill.

Be cautious about where you eat and drink. While sharing is a great part of the KiwiBurn experience, food sharing has inherent risks associated with it. Be very careful about eating a food that you are offered if you are not sure that it has been prepared safely. If you exhibit symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, high fever, jaundice and malaise, you may be carrying a viral pathogen that is highly contagious to others. Seek medical attention immediately and do not prepare or handle food.

Regarding the sun:

The sun is not your friend in New Zealand. It is a brutal source of radiation that can make you very sick and ruin your experience. Use hats, shades, sunscreens and shelters to minimize your dose! We cannot emphasise this enough. People coming to New Zealand from overseas are always shocked at how brutal our sun is. Please take it seriously.

GENERATORS AT KIWIBURN

Thinking of bringing a generator to KiwiBurn?

KiwiBurn is a noisy place, no question about it. Music, laughter, questionable performance art, chanting, shouting, singing and drumming are all part of the experience. Yet, while the drone of raves in the night is something we can all adapt to, the relentless brrrrraaaaaaaaappp of a noisy generator is quite another. Just as bad, the exhaust can be like sleeping inside a garage with a car running.

- Bring the quietest generator you can afford, and the smallest that will meet your actual needs. Larger generators are more difficult to transport, use more fuel and create more pollution.
- Don't run your generator late at night or early in the morning.
- Place the generator as far from other camps as possible.
- Cover your generator with a sound shield or baffle. Do NOT bury it to shield the noise. No matter how well it is filled afterwards, the hole leaves a tremendous gouge in the ground.
- Make sure people can't trip over any power cords.

KIDS AT KIWIBURN

All children 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult of 21 or older. Children 12 and under will be admitted for free. Children ages 13 and up require full-price tickets. Be prepared to show proof of age.

So, you've decided to bring the kids to KiwiBurn? It's not an easy decision, but it may prove to be one of the best field trips you could ever take them on. With a little thought and care, the experience can be more fun for you, your kids, and everyone around you. Many of these ideas apply to different age ranges, so make your judgments based on your kids' ages and abilities. If you've taken your kids camping, you're already halfway there.

Survival

Everything in the KiwiBurn Survival Guide applies double to kids. Water, food, shade, sunblock, comfortable clothes, and knowing their (and your) limits are all important to being able to enjoy the experience. Read the Guide and trust its suggestions. However, there are a few extra precautions to take with kids. Adults love the lack of structure at KiwiBurn, but most kids need some structure and security to be comfortable with their surroundings.

Food and Water

Like everyone, kids need to drink lots of water and keep their energy up. If they dislike the taste of bottled water, mix in a little fruit juice, but don't give them juice or soda all the time. Bag or box juices are great, because the containers are easy to pack back to camp when they're empty. Remind them to drink water regularly, and get them to remind you, too. Bring energy snacks that they like. The heat can keep hunger down, so snack frequently, and get them to eat before they realize they're hungry.

Medicines

Bring the things that make little discomforts easier to deal with, such as chewable Panadol, stuff for tummy upsets, aloe sunburn lotion with lidocaine, cough syrup, bandaids, moleskin

for blisters, and so on.

Getting Lost (and How Not To)

There's no better way of putting both grownups and kids into a panic than getting separated in a chaotic environment. It happens to adults all the time at KiwiBurn, but most of them can find their own way back to camp. Here's how to keep your kids close at hand.

- Set up landmarks at camp for both day and night, such as banners, flags, and lightsticks on poles. Make note of major landmarks at nearby camps. Walk around with your kids, and stop every now and then to check out where you are, what you can see, and how to use it to get back to camp.
- Younger kids should have an ID card with the name and location of your camp so volunteers and other friendly burners can help them get back home. Decorate and embellish these to go with your costumes or the theme of your camp.
- Get them distinctive whistles, and have everyone learn patterns that mean "Help! I'm Lost!," "Everybody Back to Camp," and whatever else makes sense for you. Give them breakaway lanyards, bum bags, or belt clips for these, along with mini flashlights and whatever else they want or need. The new two-way family radios are also very handy, though they can be expensive. Cellphones do work at Whakamaru Domain.
- Older kids are going to want to stretch their limits and cruise around on their own, so make some guidelines that you both feel comfortable with, including how far to go and how often to check back in. It's really easy for them to get disoriented if they wander too far off.
- Identify an easy-to-find meeting place where you can go if you're separated, like Centre Camp.
- Keep out of the crush. Stay back from the big events. Take along folding stools that they can stand on to see above the crowd. Don't feel bad about pulling back when the chaos starts to get overwhelming.
- Get to know your neighbours. The community is one of the great strengths of KiwiBurn. These folks will help look out for your kids, your bikes, and everything else at your camp, while you do the same for them.

Getting Around

When moving around at night, make sure everyone has lights, preferably ones that help you keep track of each other. Flashlights are OK, but they're a bit harsh on the eyes at night, and break easily if dropped. Glowsticks are much better, particularly multi-coloured necklaces and bracelets. The necklaces can be a lot of fun for playing night games, and are great on bikes and wagons to help keep other people from running into you. Remember, not everyone is keeping an eye out for 3-foot-high people while walking around in the dark.

Comfortable Clothes

It can get very hot during the day, and quite chilly at night. Loose, breathable clothes provide comfort and protection from the sun, and can be layered with warmer things as the sun goes down. Some kids are comfortable with going naked, but need to be protected from sunburn. Hats are a good idea, as are sunglasses. Watch for blisters, and always carry some moleskin to keep blisters from getting out of control.

Having Fun

This is one of the main points. Be sure you've got some things that are fun for the kids to do while you're hanging out at camp. Bring art projects, body paints, costumes, water guns, and anything that contributes to the function of the camp. Have the kids help with the theme camp art. Build them their own shade structure with little chairs and tables. They can help with food preparation, put up the camp, or whatever they like to do. Talk with them and with other KiwiBurn participants to come up with ideas before you leave.

- Be sure to bring their comfort icons along, such as favourite pillows, blankets, toys, or anything that can help them settle in and rest when they're tired.
- Break the day into chunks, with lots of breaks for resting, snacking, and rejuvenating. Don't go into Disneyland mode, where you've got to see all the sights before you go home.
- Parents need to have fun, too, so work up plans for how to get out and do grown-up

things while someone else watches the kids. If you camp with friends or other families, try trading off nighttime watches.

- Above all, be patient. If you find yourself getting crabby and snapping at the kids, settle down, take a nap, have a break.

Camping

If you want your child to get a good night's sleep you should think carefully about where you are going to camp. You may want to camp a bit away from the centres of activity. It is wise to consider who your neighbours are as well. Are they doing primarily late night activities? Pick a spot that is off the beaten track enough that you can expect less traffic. It is also smart to consider where you will want to hang out and what you may want to see. Find a site that will make distances the smallest.

Prepare Them

Hopefully, you already raise your kids to be open-minded and tolerant. This is an excellent time to reinforce that. Let them know in advance about the kind of things that they will see and hear, and you may be surprised at how quickly they become blasé about the things you worry most about. Nudity, iconoclastic art, sexuality, rude language, cultural commentary, and weird behaviour are all a part of the essential KiwiBurn experience. Steer them away from whatever you feel uncomfortable with, but be matter-of-fact about the stuff they are curious about.

Talk to them about common-sense safety, like not looking into the mouth of a fire-breathing dragon, or not standing under scaffolding that people are working on. Reinforce the "stop, drop, and roll" response to clothing on fire. Advise them to be cautious about getting too close to aggressive art. A little bit of care can go a long way in a chaotic environment.

If you have access to KiwiBurn or Burning Man info, such as web sites, videos, or other media, look it over with them. They still won't really know what to expect, but it gives more context to hang the experience on. Talk to them about the Survival Guide, about the leave-no-trace philosophy, and about what KiwiBurn means to you and to other people. Like everyone, they will develop their own interpretation of the experience while they are there.

Their trip to KiwiBurn should be an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

EXODUS

LEAVE NO TRACE DOES NOT STOP AT THE GATE!!! It's always hard to tell what rubbish has flown off of the top of haphazardly packed vehicles and what is just dumped; we do know that rubbish causes some major problems and concerns.

Debris on the road is a hazard that can cause accidents. Don't let your rubbish cause someone to get hurt or killed. Most of the roads around the event are farmland: when they are covered with rubbish it looks ugly and pisses off a lot of people, including the local townsfolk and the council, who have the right of veto over our event. Nobody wants to come along and clean up after you, so please don't create the mess for them.

See the tips in this guide about LEAVING NO TRACE. Think about your rubbish before you leave home; pack so that you create less rubbish to bring home with you. And finally, when you leave, pack your rubbish and belongings so that they will NOT fly off when you are going 100kph down the road (put loose items in your car and not on top), and then dump your rubbish only in APPROVED FACILITIES.

Thanks for doing your part!

Suggestions:

1. **Get petrol and other supplies on the way towards the event before arriving.**
2. If you must stop outbound in Mangakino be careful to pull off the road so as not to create back-ups through the town.
3. If you break down or have car problems, make sure you get off the road and out of the way so the traffic can keep moving. Keep safe, and get out of the way as soon as possible.
4. **Make sure your load is secure.** We don't want accidents to happen, or to have rubbish strewn along the highway.
5. **OBEY SPEED LAWS.** Particularly through small towns. Be extra courteous of local traffic.

