

## **Prepping Pillars 3 & 4 – Shelter and Fire.**

Preppers always try to have all their bases covered in multiple ways, so that if something is lost, broken or used, they have replacements to hand. The phrase - "2 is 1, 1 is none" - is one that you'll hear preppers refer to, meaning that if you have 2 things and you lose 1 of them – you still have 1. If you have only 1 thing and lose it, break it or use it – you have nothing. Always try to include a back up or failsafe into your preps.

And so to the subject of **shelter**.

Your home is your primary shelter, but what do you have if it burns down, is destroyed in an earthquake, damaged in a storm? Do you have the skills and the materials to repair it? If not, do you have something else that you can set up to protect yourself and your family from the elements?

Have you thought of a back up for your backup plan?

For example....if something happens to your home, do you have a garage or other shedding that could shelter you (or the ability and gear to quickly build a temporary cabin)....next option would be a caravan perhaps or a campervan....next would be a tent....even a tarp or two is better than nothing. You need to have a place where you can shelter from the elements and sleep in a degree of comfort and safety.

A few dollars spent at Bunnings, Mitre10, or any hardware store will buy you a couple of tarps and a length of rope with which you can construct a basic shelter. The picture below shows several ways of erecting a tarp shelter.



And this link will take you to a YouTube video demonstrating 15+ ways of erecting a tarp shelter

<https://youtu.be/ZV92xni5q8w>

There are many other examples of shelter making to check out if you search the videos on YouTube.

But don't just watch the video. Buy a tarp and a rope and try it yourself in the back yard - now - while you're under no pressure. Practice until it becomes second nature, so that in a real SHTF event you know exactly what you have to do.

The next thing is **fire**.

The ability to build and light a fire – for warmth, to cook and to boil water to make it safe to drink. A fire could be used for a number of other purposes too...light, protection, signaling, medical/surgical (for sterilizing equipment or for cauterizing wounds), forging metals etc.

Some people will say that they don't need to learn this because they have a camping stove and a lighter. But in an extended SHTF event, how long will it be before your camp stove and your lighter have used up all their fuel? What then?

Here are links to four videos on camp fires and how to light them.....including how to build a stealth fire using a Dakota Fire Hole (produces less smoke and because it is below ground the flame will not be visible from a distance). That video - the 4th one listed below - has some language in it that may not be for the politically correct/sensitive types. Be warned...and otherwise...enjoy!

[https://youtu.be/iu\\_MxwISe00](https://youtu.be/iu_MxwISe00)

<https://youtu.be/X3-Tpf1KPSs>

<https://youtu.be/Lodpf5SRjDw>

<https://youtu.be/RIPSEfcz718>

Good luck. Keep prepping....or start prepping today.