



4.062 Tent Care - Minor Repairs

Small Hole in the Canvas

Remember to take the tension off the canvas before doing any type of repairs.

Commercial repair kits are available from stores such as Canadian Tire. In an emergency, adhesive tape, white glue and a gauze square, patch from an air mattress repair kit or a little hot wax from a candle are ideal items for repairing small holes. If you have a rip in the canvas, it's best to take it in for repairs.

Broken Upright Poles

Make a splint with a strong piece of wood. Attach by lashing in three places. If the pole is broken too badly, replace the complete pole with a strong straight piece of wood. If a spike is required at the top, lash top of old pole to your new one.

Broken Pegs

These can be replaced with a sharpened piece of strong branch with a fork in it, or make a notch to hold the guy line. Ideally, you should always have spare tent pegs in your equipment.

Broken or Frayed Guy Lines

Attach new strong rope with a reef knot. Nylon cord is ideal. Broken runners on guy lines may be replaced with a guy line hitch.

4.063 Tent Care - Preventing Damage

The following rules will ensure that damage is minimised.

Never:

- ◆ hang things on guy lines, or over the top of tents
- ◆ put nails into the poles
- ◆ use sprays in the tent as this may damage the tent fabric
- ◆ write on or pin anything to the canvas
- ◆ loosen guy lines on a tent for a joke. The tent could collapse and the poles could injure someone or damage the tent fabric