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* Burn one artificial log at a time, and don't add another until the first one is out. For most major brands, each log burns about three hours.
* Don't add wood or paper to the fire, and don't put an artificial log on a wood fire.
* Always use a grate and a fireplace screen.
* If you have a glass door on your fireplace, leave it open.
* Don't move, poke or break up an artificial log while it is burning. The flames can flare up to a surprising extent, and burning material can stick to the tongs or poker.
* If you need to extinguish an artificial log, use a *Class Bravo fire* extinguisher, water or sand.
* Don't use artificial logs for open-flame cooking or barbecues.
* Keep an eye on the fire especially if children are around.
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Foot note: Class BRAVO fires are those that occur in the vapor air mixture over the surface of flammable liquids, such as gasoline, jet fuels, diesel oil, fuel oil, paints, thinners, solvents, lubricating oils, and greases. The agent used will depend upon the circumstances of the fire.

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