

Risk Assessment Activity – Campfire

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<p>Overview: Campfires take place at several sites in specially prepared areas. Fires are kept small/medium, to remain easily manageable yet still fun. The instructors who are leading the session will have been in-house trained. Staff running session are First Aiders and have easy access to a first aid kit in each of the campfire areas as well as a fire safety kit. All instructors are first aid trained and emergency procedures are in place in case of a major accident.</p>				
Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels	
		Severity		
		Risk Category		
Slips & trips	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Recorded bimonthly inspection of site. Instructors visually check the site upon arrival when used. The group are walked over in a controlled manner. A clear boundary around the fire marks distance from fire that is to be kept to, and instructors monitor group to ensure this is kept to.	
		Major		
		High		
Burns	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	A bucket of sand and water (water source), fire blanket and fire extinguisher are always available on session. Procedure in place to safely escort the group from the fire area at end of the session and a clear boundary to keep group from being too close to fire. Only trained instructors are to feed the fire. Food is not cooked on fires to prevent burns.	
		Major		
		Medium		
Objects flying out of fire	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Only wood burnt on fire. Group briefed as not to throw things onto fire and a safe distance from the fire is ensured by instructors.	
		Major		
		Low		
Smoke inhalation	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Only clean wood burnt. Fire kept fed to limit smoke. The group will be moved out of wind direction if needed.	
		Minor		
		Low		

Allergic reaction (banana eating challenge)	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very Unlikely	Group sheets checked to see if any known allergies and the staff liaison check with group leaders to check for issues.
		Fatal	
		Low	