

Scouting risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	BiTs	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Vicki Gage	Risk assessment for :	Matches
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Storage of matches	Young people	Children to not have access to matches, without an adult knowledge. Keeping matches in large numbers in metal containers. Make sure matches are kept dry and away from direct heat sources.	
Burns	Young people Adults	Children should be shown how to light matches correctly. Children are watched when lighting matches. RA for First Aid is followed if burn happens.	
Incorrect use of matches	Young people Adults	Children are shown how to light matches correctly Children strike matches away from bodies Children are spaced out and not facing each other when striking matches.	
Things catching on fire	Young people Adults	A supply of water is kept nearby when lighting matches, this may be in a jug or bucket. Area is checked for flammable objects.	
Loose hair or clothing catching on fire	Young people Adults	All long hair is tied back All loose clothing is removed or fastened. Flammable clothing is covered, taken off or changed.	
Review: This needs to be taken out yearly, or if the need exists as a new risk occurs or the measures put in place have not been enough to stop an incident happening.			

Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date	Checked by Executive	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety