

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:	Campfire
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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.
Burns from fire	All	Young people to be fully briefed on dangers of the camp fire. Rules are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No picking up burning wood • No throwing objects onto fire • Always walk around the campfire, especially when lit. • Care is taken with large flowing camp blankets. 	
Pollutants in wood being burnt	All	Woods is checked before it is burnt to make sure that it does not have any chemicals in that would be released and harmful through the process of burning. An elected person is in charge of wood being placed on the fire.	
Fire Spreading	All	Fire buckets are filled with water to be used if the fire starts to spread. Fires to be away from and downwind from tents or any flammable material Clear the area around a fire & do not light on peat areas (under trees etc) fire escape route to be considered if in an enclosed area.	
Splinters	Fire leaders	care when snapping wood – wear strong gloves if available	
Children getting lost in the dark	Young people	All leaders to check the numbers before and after the Campfire. Groups to leave slowly after the fire to make sure that everyone in the group is accounted for.	
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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