

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:	Fire lighting
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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 and rules for fire lighting explained. Rules are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No picking up burning wood No throwing objects onto fire Hold wood by one end and lower onto fire with fingers near ground All not to wear loose clothing around fires – NO NECKERS Leaders to ensure that all behave sensibly around fires – 1 leader per fire at all times Additional control of buckets of water in the event of anyone receiving a burn At least one leader to have current first aid qualification and ensure first aid kit is well stocked Matches use; see Matches RA.	
Pollutants in wood being burnt which gets onto food resulting in poisoning	All	Only 'natural' wood to be used for cooking purposes. Wood from wood pile to be checked prior to meeting and decision made on suitability.	
Fire Spreading	All	Better to use kindling, fire lighter block or newspaper over an inflammable liquid to start fire with. Create a tidy, graded woodpile away from fire area of suitably sized (kindling, twigs, small sticks, branches,..) before building & lighting a fire 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	All	care when snapping wood – wear strong gloves if available	
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.			

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