

# RISK ASSESSMENT: Campfire

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What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
			Probability	Severity	Risk		Probability	Severity	Risk
Slips, Trips and Falls	All	Cuts, bruises and grazes	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area checked for fallen branches etc. prior to activity.</li> <li>All participants are instructed to wear appropriate footwear.</li> <li>Participants warned about exposed tree roots and potential hazards.</li> </ul>	2	2	4
Insect Bites	All	Reaction to bite	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and participants must be wearing suitable clothing during the activity.</li> <li>Staff and participants to apply bug spray when necessary.</li> <li>Staff to warn participants to stay out of long grass.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Group Behaviour	All	Loss of control of the group, participants being distracted/ not listening.	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group leaders are to ensure that the group is under control at all times.</li> <li>Instructor is to stop the session if the participant's behaviour is dangerous.</li> <li>Instructor to check with group leader at the start of the session for any neurodiverse participant's and make sure control measures are in place to appropriately manage their needs.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Burns from Fire or Sparks, Smoke Inhalation	All	Burns	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire to be lit prior to the group's arrival.</li> <li>Participants to use the seating provided.</li> <li>Participants are advised to close eyes when smoke is blown in their direction.</li> <li>First Aider on site, first aid kit in the area.</li> <li>Only staff members to tend the fire.</li> </ul>	1	4	4
Fire Spreading Out of Control	All	Burns	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spare firewood is stored a safe distance away from the fire.</li> <li>A bucket of water 'Fire Bucket' is within the campfire circle at all times.</li> <li>Area is cleared of any fast-reacting tinder prior to building the campfire.</li> </ul>	1	4	4
Exposure/ Hypothermia and Sunburn	All	High/Low temperature and dehydration.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and participants must be wearing suitable clothing during the activity.</li> <li>Staff and participants to drink plenty of water.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Adverse Weather	All	See 'Exposure'	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants are advised to wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions</li> <li>Refer to 'Adverse Weather' policy</li> </ul>	1	4	4

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Equipment Failure	All	Cuts, Lacerations, Death	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment is visually checked by the instructor prior to being used. Items deemed to be faulty are removed from use immediately, logged and placed in the quarantine bin. As per policy 5.3 faulty or damaged equipment.</li> </ul>	1	5	5

Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.

Remaining Risk Level	Description
1-5	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
5-10	Low, control measures satisfactory
10-15	Medium, control measures adequate
15-20	High, control measures need further consideration
20-25	Very high, intolerable, stop Job