

Campfire

Generic Risk Assessment



Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Fire	Touching the flames leading to burns	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On arrival, staff member must seat the participants in a carefully controlled manner. Staff member should ensure that the campfire is lit prior to the participants arriving. Participants with long hair must be asked to tie back. Participants must be positioned a safe distance away and briefed to stay at a designated distance from the fire. Participants must remain seated at all times throughout the campfire unless asked to stand by the staff member. Staff member to remain vigilant at all times. 	4	1	4
Extinguishing the Fire	Touching the flames leading to burns	In2action Staff	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member must ensure that participants are a safe distance away before attempting to put out the fire. The fire should be extinguished until all the embers have stopped glowing. Staff member should use a bucket of water to extinguish the fire. 	4	1	4
Fire getting out of control	Touching the flames leading to burns	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any spare wood should remain a safe distance away from the fire. Staff Member to brief participants not to throw things into the fire. Staff Member to remain vigilant and be cautious of the wind strength and direction; and cancel the activity if the wind strength is high and blowing the fire considerably. A bucket of water should always be at the activity area to put the fire out when needed. Campfire activity must be carried out in designated area. 	4	1	4
Participants	Collisions with other participants	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure participants do not run around whilst at the campfire. 	2	1	2

	causing concussion, bruises or abrasions					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure there is good participant control during the session. 			
Surfaces	Hard, uneven or slippery surfaces causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area checked for hazards before session. Participants checked to ensure they are wearing suitable footwear. 	3	1	3
Litter	Dirt and sharp edges causing cuts/infection	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to remain vigilant and brief participants not to touch any litter. Staff member to remove any litter they find. 	2	1	2
Weather	Risk of hyperthermia during activity	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing to keep warm. 	3	1	3
Vegetation	Ingestion/illness caused by touching/ingesting vegetation	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure the participants remain on the main paths. Report any vegetation that may be overhanging the area, before the start of the session. 	3	1	3
Lost Child	Lack of supervision leading to injuries	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be given a safety brief before setting off to the campfire. Staff member to carry out regular head counts and remain vigilant at all times. 	3	1	3