

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: General Welfare & Weather

Procedures: Lifting

Specific Site Woodland Assessment

Site Safety

Related Activity Risk Assessments

Tool Use and Storage

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	PROBABILITY (P) 1-5	SEVERITY (S) 1-5	RATING (P) X (S) 1-25	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN	BY WHO/ confirmation of understanding or completion
1	Igniting the fire	The Group & Leaders	Fire to be lit at arm's length using fire lighter kits (magnesium block and striker only).	1	1-2	2	The group will be made fully aware of the forest school fire policy and that there is no acceptable alternative.	CC/PM needs to check that the person building the fire is aware of the fire making policy.
2	Cooking. Burns from kettles/pans, burning wood or hot water.	The Group & Leaders	Leaders will remove all items from the fire area. All children will be seated when passed any hot item.	2	3	6	The group will be made aware of forest school fire policy. All group to move around in fire zone in a safe and controlled manner.	CC/PM ensures that aspects from the Woodlands Risk Assessment are highlighted.
3	Burns from hot food.	The Group & Leaders	All participants will be told about the dangers of eating food directly from the fire.	2	5	10	Food will be hot once removed and children will have explained suitable time scales for eating food once removed from the fire.	CC/PM
4	Setting surrounding ground and vegetation areas alight.	The Group & Leaders	Fire pit will be strategically placed and in a contained (removeable) vessel, with minimum risk of setting surrounding foliage alight. Burning	1	5	5	Ensure that all feeding of the fire is carried out using suitably sized sticks that do not cross the barrier. Copiously large amounts of water are available to	CC/PM to control at all times.

			sticks not to be removed from the fire.				extinguish prior to leaving the site and vessel taken away with us.	
5	Slipping, tripping, falling onto the fire once alight.	The Group & Leaders	Ensure there is a safe working distance from fire to prevent slipping. Seating around the fire will be at a distance of minimum 2 metres and will be raised off the ground to aid easy exit and reduce risk of falling.	2	5	10	Group need to understand safety zone procedures to ensure that the group have full understanding re how to position themselves correctly when using the fire, so if a slip or fall occurs, they will not contact the fire nor will any member of the group.	CC/PM to control at all times.

RATING- The **probability** multiplied by the **severity** gives a figure from 1 to 25. Any hazard scoring above **12** will need to have immediate additional control measures put in place to prevent a serious incident.