

CAMPFIRE SAMPLE RISK ASSESSMENT

It is the leader's responsibility to assess, implement and adapt control measures according to an assessment of their own group and the general environment.

Hazard	Potential Harm	Who might be harmed and how	Control Measure
Fire as part of a group activity	Burns, falling onto the fire	Any member of the group	Group Leader to give safety briefing at start of session (see helpful info) Ensure staff member is always supervising the fire area Ensure bucket of water is kept by the fire
Burning 'treated' wood	Poisoning	Any member of the group inhaling toxic fumes from the fire	Do not burn wood treated with preservatives or painted surfaces.
Burning wet wood/pine	Spitting wood, hot surfaces, flames	Any member of the group	Group management, keep group 2m from fire, no running within the campfire circle. Ensure water is available for treatment of burns. Ensure there are First Aid arrangements in place
Moving around Campfire	Tripping or falling over	Any member of the group or Instructor. Could result in burns or scald	Good briefing with emphasis of no running and limited walking within the campfire circle area
Cooking	Knocking over pans and grills on the fire. Too many people cooking food on the campfire i.e marshmallows.	Any member of the group or Instructor. Could result in burns or scald	Direct supervision particularly of under 18's, briefing and good group control. Limiting the amount of people around the fire doing a cooking activity.
Fire getting out of control	Burns, spread of the fire outside of the fire circle	Any member of the group	Good group management, keep the fire small and manageable
First Aid arrangements	Nothing in place	Any member of the group	Group leader to take responsibility for any first aid requirements and assessing the need and arrangements in place for further medical checks and treatment

Please advise the On Call person of any incident that requires hospital assessment or treatment

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Suggested Group Campfire Safety Briefing

1. No running around the campfire, walking only inside the seated circle
2. No piles of wood/objects that can cause a trip hazard inside the inner circle
3. A red fire blanket and water bucket is in close proximity to the fire for emergencies
4. Other than adults, no one is to put wood on or off the fire.
5. Please ensure the campfire remains a sensible size.
6. The waving of sticks, in particular; sharp pointy, marshmallow covered, flaming or glowing hot sticks is highly discouraged, (skewers to be placed on fire after use).
7. Anything cooked over the fire will be extremely hot, please remember this when it comes to sticky marshmallows
8. Wherever you sit the smoke will still find you! However let the leader know if it is a particular problem and you want to move.

First Aid arrangements

It is the group leader's responsibility to have a First Aider and First Aid arrangements in place.

The current guidelines for burns from the NHS website are as follows;

- If your burn or scald is mild, it normally heals without the need for further treatment.
- Stop the burning process as soon as possible, cool the burn with cool or lukewarm running water for 20 minutes as soon as possible after the injury.
- Never use ice, iced water, or any creams or greasy substances like butter. For anything other than mild burns please seek further medical advice by visiting you're nearest A+E

When to go to hospital?

If you are unsure what to do, you can contact NHS 111 for advice

Current advice about when to go to an [accident and emergency \(A&E\)](#) :

- large or deep burns bigger than the affected person's hand
- burns of any size that cause white or charred skin
- burns on the face, hands, arms, feet, legs or genitals that cause [blisters](#)
- all chemical and electrical burns

Nearest Minor Injury Units

Forest of Dean Community Hospital - Minor Injury Unit (15 min drive)

This is a minor injury unit provided by NHS England. Please contact to discuss services offered in more detail or visit the website

Steam Mills Road, Cinderford, GL14 3HY

Tel: 0300 421 2121

Disabled Access: Yes

Normal Opening Hours 8am – 7.30pm

Website: <http://www.ghc.nhs.uk/locations/forest-of-dean-hospital/>

Nearest A & E department

Gloucester Royal Hospital: Great Western Road GL1 3NN (40 min drive) Tel: 0300 4226600

Ambulance

Phone 999

Our location is Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre, Viney Hill, Lydney GL15 4NA