



Risk Assessments

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Benefit Statement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults often view fires as an element that children should be prohibited from being around. It's well known that prohibiting most children from doing anything, particularly something they arguably have a biological drive to do is guaranteed to ensure they'll do it! Fire no longer plays a role in our everyday domestic lives; we don't rely on fire for cooking or heating our homes anymore. However, children remain fascinated by fire, and it is essential to provide a well-managed campfire, providing opportunities for children to experience a fire for cooking and as a social activity. A fire creates a great atmosphere that brings people together and encourages individual reflection. 		
What are the hazards?	Who affected and Risk	What we are already doing / control measures	Further action required	Action required Responsibility/dates due and completed
Out-of-control fires	- Staff & Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a campfire to be effective, it does not have to be large. The campfire must be within the fire pit area, do not allow it to become a bonfire. 		
Burns	- Staff and Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult supervision is essential at all times. A bucket of water, first aid kit and burns kit to be at the fire circle Briefing regarding behaviour, seating, and placing wood on the fire. Remove trip hazards from the area. Ensure children do not move forward towards the fire unsupervised. The area directly forward of the seating area is not to be used to cross the circle; movement around the fire must be outside the sitting logs. Ensure children with long hair have their hair tied back or covered by a hat Be aware that modern-day synthetic clothing material is highly flammable. 		
Burns from marsh mellows	- Staff and students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use pre-soaked skewers. Give some guidance on the difference between a cooked and burnt marshmallow and how to blow on one before eating. Test the temperature with the knuckle of your hand. 		