

15th Wisbech - Barton Crofts

Fire Lighting At Barton Crofts

Overview

A large campfire circle provides an area for large Section/Group fires.

Essential to a safe fire is:

- Adequate supervision.
- Properly constructed fires.
- Sensible participation.
- No accelerant to be used (petrol etc).
- No fire pits or fire on grass areas.

Overall responsibility lies with the leader in charge.

Location

Designated areas.

Equipment

Campfire circle area.

Wheel rims and grates.

Alter fires/BBQ drums if available.

Activity Content

Take consideration of age/learning ability, physical capability and any medical conditions.

Individual activities are variable and bespoke. Additional focused risk assessment should be considered in addition to the below.

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Risk Assessment For:		Fire Lighting			Completed By: Ian Bullard (GSL)			Date Carried Out: 02/05/2026		
		No Control		With Control						
Hazard		Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Who Is At Risk	No Of People	Controls
<p>Supervising Leaders are aware of the policy and organisational rules of The Scout Association relating to this activity. All participants must demonstrate appropriate levels of maturity, self control, competency and ability to follow instruction at all times.</p>										
Poor Behaviour	3	4	12	2	3	6	Instructors & Participants	Up to 12	All participants must demonstrate appropriate levels of maturity, self control, competency and ability to follow instruction at all times. Prior to and during activity. Participants must be aware of and follow the code of conduct.	
Trips, Slips & Falls	4	4	16	2	3	6	All	1 +	Supervisors to assess conditions prior to activities. Terrain to be evaluated and hazards identified. Safety briefing to be carried out prior to activity. Competent individuals to supervise. Care to be taken when moving equipment to and from fire area. Correct clothing and footwear to be worn. No running around campfire areas. Firewood to be stored in one designated place cut and piled neatly. Suitable portable lighting to be used at night. No running close to fire area. Raise awareness of potential trip hazards.	

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Fire & hot objects/burns	4	4	16	2	3	6	All	1+	Competent individuals to supervise. Maintain awareness for potential harm. Keep hot or burning wood in fire area. Minimise designated people to tend fire. Safe distance from fire to be maintained. No liquid accelerants to be used. Correct equipment and PPE to be used.
Splinters	3	3	9	1	3	3	All	1+	Use suitable PPE or equipment. Ensure adequate training.
Fire spreading	4	3	12	1	3	3	All	1+	Clear safety briefing, ensure participant maturity. Maintain awareness for potential harm. No liquid accelerants to be used. Fire positioned downwind and away from tents. Keep spectators a safe distance from fire. Clear ground cover from fire area. Grade and pile wood neatly before lighting. Bucket of water and/or fire extinguisher on hand
Toxic vapour/smoke	4	3	12	1	3	3	All	1+	Clear safety briefing, ensure participant maturity. Maintain awareness for potential harm. No liquid accelerants to be used. Fire positioned downwind and away from tents. Keep spectators a safe distance from fire. No painted or treated wood to be used.

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Cooking fire Food poisoning	4	3	12	1	3	3		Competent individuals to supervise. Clear safety briefing, ensure participant maturity. No liquid accelerants to be used. Prepare and store food off the ground. Follow suitable food hygiene. Ensure food is adequately cooked.	
Boiling water & hot fat/oil	4	3	12	1	3	3	All	1+	Clear safety briefing, ensure participant maturity. Maintain awareness for potential harm. Use suitable containers (Billy cans, frying pans). Minimise designated people to tend fire/cook. Safe distance from fire to be maintained. Correct equipment and PPE to be used. No running around fire area.
Environmental damage	4	3	12	3	3	9	Environment	N/A	Clear safety briefing, ensure participant maturity. Maintain awareness for potential environmental harm. No liquid accelerants to be used. Fire positioned downwind and away from tents. Clear ground cover from fire area. Grade and pile wood neatly before lighting. No cutting from live foliage/trees permitted, do not use green wood.
Likelihood: 1=Very Unlikely, 2=Unlikely, 3=Possible, 4=Very Likely, 5=Certain			Severity: 1=Trivial Injury, 2=Minor Injury, 3=Major Injury, 4=Single Fatality, 5=Multiple Fatality			Risk: Likelihood x Severity			

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