

Wakefield Divisions Midgley Campsite - FIRE LIGHTING AND COOKING ON OPEN FIRE

General risk assessment, guidance only.

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HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK?	CONTROL MEASURES	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED?	TICK IF ALL IN PLACE
General considerations	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire safety briefing at the beginning of each session • Always use the designated fire area • On wet days the activity may be cancelled • Ensure appropriate ratio of staff to children • Long hair is tied back • Clothing is secure • Coats are zipped up or taken off • Ensure first aid bag and water for burns treatment is accessible 	Ensure leader is experienced in the area of activity and that a leader in the group is first aid trained and knows where first aid kit and water are.	
Collecting firewood Scratches, splinters, cuts	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure fire gloves are available for use • Demonstrate safe carrying of branches / logs • Larger branches to be carried in pairs or teams • Only collect wood from the designated wood pile 	Leaders to supervise young members	
Fire lighting - burns	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to stay 1.5m away from fire if not lighting it – to be sat on log seats • Children should not run and should behave appropriately • Only approach the fire when instructed to do so • Ensure correct kneeling position is used when tending or cooking on fire - one knee must be in contact with the floor and one knee upwards • Fire managed so flames do not get higher than 0.5m • Ensure correct use of fire circle – entrance and exit • one flint and steel or fire lighting tool to be used at a time to light the fire 	Adults supervise at all times Appropriate behaviour and use of exit/entrance of fire circle is explained Water should be near by First aider present	
Cooking including Heating of marshmallows – burns/ scolds	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leaders/adult helpers to supervise all cooking including the heating of Marshmallows • Appropriate fire gloves to be worn when tending the fire • Appropriate heat resistant gloves to be worn when cooking/stirring • Wooden not metal implements to be used when cooking • Hot liquids to be removed from the fire area by adults only • Long sleeves to be worn when cooking to avoid splashes on bare skin • Specific area set aside to put hot pans when removed from the fire – adults to ensure all members are aware of where this is located 	Appropriate adult to be given this role Water and first aid available	

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Reactions from marshmallows Ingestion or religious/vegetarian reasons	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure leaders/adult helpers are aware of allergies/ religious reasons/ vegetarian 	Leader in charge to check their girls/adults attending	
Allergies and cross contamination	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults to be aware of any allergies in their group Separate cooking pans and implements to be used where required Separate preparation area to be used to avoid cross contamination 		

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