

5th Dunstable ScoutGroup - Risk Assessment

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<b>Fire Lighting</b>			Date of next review	18/12/22
Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling	
Hazard - Rough condition of wood used. Risk - Splinters	All	Care to be taken when handling wood, i.e. Cutting (see axe/saw risk assessment) or snapping wood. Competent adult to supervise.		
Hazard - Fire. Risk - Burns, injury/death	All	Teach good practice around fires. If the fire needs an accelerant to start it use only solid fuels (fire starter blocks) not liquid fuels (meths, parafin or petrol). Fire to be in a safe area away from other combustables. Wood to be placed on fire carefully. Ensure that anybody not tending the fire is at a safe distance. A bucket of water to be available for use if needed to cool a burn and for dousing the fire. Adult to supervise.		
Hazard - Smoke. Risk - Smoke Inhalation	All	Use dry wood. Check wind direction and stand sit away from the smoke. Adult to supervise.		
Hazard - Behaviour. Risk - Injury/death.	All	Provide safety briefing in advance . Safety around fire is to be maintained. If behaviour is inappropriate or there is horseplay exclude persons causing trouble o rextinguish fire. Participants who are close to the fire (such as cooking marshmallows) to kneel on one knee have have the foot of their front leg on the floor to ensure they do not fall forward onto the fire.		
Hazard - Fire spreading. Risk - Injury/death, damage to property	All	Ensure that the area is suitable for a fire, i.e. hard surface, fire pit or oil drum. Ensure that the fire is kept to a size appropriate for its use and is properly doused when no longer required. Water bucket/fire fighting equipment is nearby. Participants to leave a clear area around fire. Never leave the fire unsupervised. Ensure environmental conditions are appropriate (Dont light a fire when the ground or remaining area is particularly dry). <del>Adult to supervise</del>		
Hazard - Aerosol cans thrown on fire. Pollutants. Risk - Explosion injury/death. Chemical fumes.	All	Leader to instruct and supervise that no aerosol cans, plastic or other harmful materials are thrown on fire. Ensure that wood is not painted/stained that will give off chemicals or hazardous fumes.		

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Hazard - General Risk - Slips, trips and fall. Clothing.	All	Participants to be told the type of ground around fire and instructed to take care no running. Suitable footwear to be worn and no loose clothing to be worn. Hair to be tied back.	
Cooking	All	If cooking on the fire see also the Cooking - Indoor, Outdoor and BBQ's risk assessment	
Burns from matches	All	When using matches they are to be struck away from the body and a safe distance from	

**Considerations for Squirrels**

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See above.	All	Ratio of Beavers to beavers as per POR when near fires, if a Beaver is cooking or	

**Considerations for Beavers**

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See above.	All	Ratio of Beavers to adult as per POR when near fires, if a Beaver is cooking or helping to light a fire then supervision should be increased.	

**Considerations for Cubs**

Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling
See above.	All	Ratio of Cubs to adult as per POR when near fires, if a Cub is cooking or helping to light a fire then supervision should be increased.	

**Considerations for Scouts**

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