

## HOOKE COURT FIELD STUDIES CENTRES

### RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CAMPFIRES.

Campfires take place on one of six dedicated sites within the grounds of Hooke Court.

Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
Burn from fire.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire contained within fire pit, or metal container.</li> <li>• Exclusion zone around the fire of at least 2m metres in every direction. This to be increased in windy conditions.</li> <li>• VSA and FST to ensure a 'Fire Watch' at all times to prevent unauthorized individuals entering the exclusion zone.</li> <li>• Seasoned hardwood logs to be burned on the fire, if not a greater exclusion zone to be ensured by the FST.</li> <li>• Fire managed so flames get no higher than knee height, OR 0.5m on raised area, by not allowing further wood to be added to the built fire after lighting it.</li> <li>• Fire to be positioned away from other flammable materials and overhanging trees and branches.</li> <li>• FST to light, tend and re-stock fire'</li> <li>• The area within and immediately surrounding the exclusion zone should be clear of any trip hazards.</li> <li>• Ensure first aid bag and water for treatment of burns are situated in easily accessible location.</li> <li>• Where possible VC must leave the fire circle by stepping outside the seated log ring (exclusion zone). FST to ensure that no VC enter or leave by exclusion zone.</li> </ul>	LOW
Slip, trip or fall.	FST VSA VC	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fire should be positioned where access can be gained by a clearly marked path.</li> <li>• The area within and immediately surrounding the exclusion zone should be clear of any trip hazards, including spare wood.</li> </ul>	LOW

Respiratory difficulties due to excessive smoke.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to ensure the prevailing weather and wind conditions are taken into account when setting up the exclusion zone to allow for smoke and wind.</li> <li>• VSA to ensure any VC with severe asthma and/or respiratory difficulties are kept out of smoke and at a safe distance.</li> <li>• Whenever possible seasoned hardwood logs to be burned on the fire.</li> </ul>	LOW
Extinguishing fire Causing burns	FST	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only adults should carefully extinguish fire.</li> <li>• Leave area as it was found whenever possible, particularly in woodland.</li> </ul>	LOW

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