

Risk Assessment - 1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scouts

Name of activity, event and location	Fire Lighting	Date of Risk Assessment	09.02.25	Name of Person doing this risk assessment	Nigel Pope
		Date of next review	10.02.26		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Rough wood – risk of splinters or blisters from handling	Everyone	Tell people to take care when cutting or snapping wood.	
Behaviour or overexcitement – risk of injuries from mistakes or misuse	Everyone	Have a section code of conduct to set clear expectations of behaviour. Stress the importance of being responsible when around the fires. Give young people information and training before they start. Supervise young people closely while around the fires. Continue to assess their competence. Have one adult or young leader for each group – consider the ratio depending on age and behaviour. Plan another activity for young people whose parents do not want them to take part in practical activities using fires and young people who aren't ready for this type of activity.	
Burns – risk of injury to non-participants or observers	Everyone	Create a safe area for fire lighting Explain the dangers of fires Instruct YP not to get too close to the fire Instruct YP not to pick up wood from the fire No throwing wood into the fire carelessly. No loose clothing, Neckers to be tucked in or removed.	

Burns – Hand Sanitiser	Everyone	Fire blanket available. All to make sure hands are dry after application of sanitiser before approaching the fire.	
Fire spreading	Everyone	Ensure area is safe for fire lighting e.g. Hard surface, Fire pit, Oil drum Ensure adequate fire fighting equipment is located nearby (fire buckets) Ensure any combustibles are away from the fire when not required. Ensure all fires are well supervised.	
General – risk of slips, Trips, Falls	Everyone	Ensure ground is suitable for use. Ensure Young people have suitable footwear. Participants warned about the ground. No running near the fires	
Injuries – first aid required	Everyone	Make sure there is a first aid kit and a first aider on hand. Practice treating and dressing Burns before you start the practical exercise.	
Pollutants within wood	Everyone	Ensure wood is not painted/stained that will give off chemicals. Only natural wood to be used	