

Activity Description & Location

Camp fire

USE RATING: C



- Use: A Must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff  
 B In house training at Baptist Camping Victoria required before using this equipment  
 C Safe operating procedures must be read and adhered to by all users of this equipment  
 D Does not apply

Risk	Risk Factor	Likelihood	Consequences	Initial Level of Risk	Description of risk	Risk management strategy	Revised level of risk
Injury from loose firewood around campfire	Injury to participants or leaders from firewood in fire or around	Likely	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Participants may fall over loose wood on ground around campfire 2.Wood not placed into fire pit correctly poses risk of participants becoming caught or tripping on wood	1.Activity leader should ensure no loose wood is around fire pit that poses tripping hazard 2.Participants instructed to walk around campfire pit, not run 3.Activity leader must be the only one to put wood on the fire & should do so in a safe manner	LOW
Tripping in the dark	Injury to participant if they fall into pit, or near pit in dark	Rare	Major	LOW	1.Exposure to heat/flames if participant trips in the dark causing mild to severe injury	1.Turn on all lighting available around campfire pit at night 2.Participants should have independent light source with them when going to campfire pit at night 3.Activity leader should instruct participants to walk around campfire pit and remain seated during activity. 4.Adequately stocked first aid kit should be available at all times 5.Participants should all have appropriate footwear on	LOW
Flying sparks	Injury to participants from sparks, sparks causing secondary blazes nearby	Possible	Major	MEDIUM	1.Participants becoming burnt from sparks flying off main blaze 2.Secondary fires starting from sparks catching nearby fuel on fire	1.Fire should not exceed 80cm height and maintained at a safe and controlled level, no fires to be lit in windy conditions. 2. Ensure participants maintain distance from campfire pit to prevent flying sparks hitting them 3.Activity leader should ensure there is no fuel within 2m of campfire pit that may catch alight from sparks	LOW
Exposure to elements	Exposure to heat, rain, cold, storms	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Participants may suffer heatstroke or sunstroke in extreme heat, especially children or elderly 2.Risk of electrocution in storms 3.Risk of hypothermia in cold 4.Risk of slipping in wet conditions	1.Wear sun protection in hot weather 2.Do not run activity in temperatures above 34°C 3.Do not conduct activity in storms to minimise risk of electrocution 4.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions 5.Do not conduct activity if weather conditions deemed unsafe.	LOW
Campfire blaze out of control	Sudden change of wind or strong wind, too much fuel, inappropriate lighting place	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Sudden wind change may cause fire to become out of control and spread 2.Too much fuel on fire may cause fire to become large and out of control 3.If fire is lit outside of fire pit it may cause secondary fires and become out of control	1.Ensure water source nearby to quickly extinguish fire 2.Monitor weather conditions prior to lighting fire & during campfire 3.Limit and monitor wood on fire to ensure it stays small and in control 4.Only light fires in designated fire pit	LOW
Smoke inhalation	Smoke from fire	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Risk of asthma or respiratory conditions to both leaders and	1.Ensure all participants with asthma have preventers and do not sit in direction of smoke	LOW

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Food allergies	Allergic reaction to foods cooked	Rare	Critical	LOW	1.Risk of allergic reaction from cross/contamination	1.Esnure participants do not share sticks 2.Activity leader should monitor all foods eaten by participants and be aware of all potential allergies – Gluten free damper	LOW