

Activity Risk Assessment

Lighting Small Fires

A. Activity

Building and lighting a small fire to cook food on.

B. Risks and to whom Severity

Children and Adults

Minor burns.	Medium
Hot ashes, or cinders.	Medium
Sticks placed in the fire.	Medium
Wood 'spitting'	Medium

C. Likelihood

Low with control measures in place

D. Further Measures

Staff will ensure the fire is fully extinguished and tided before leaving the site.

Fire Policy

Staff at Daffodils aim to ensure that all children and adults participating in sessions with fires will do so safely and with as little risk to their health as possible.

Location

- Only previously agreed areas will be used for campfires
- Campfire areas are enclosed by logs or large stones to prevent the spread of fire.
- Storm kettles are only used on flat ground and any woodchip or leaf litter must be brushed away before use.

Positioning of Children and Adults

- Fire areas are surrounded by seating logs at least 1.5 metres from the fire pit.
- Children must be supervised whilst around the campfire at all times with a 1:4 staff:child ratio and minimum of 2 staff at all times. The fire should never be left unattended.
- When accessing or moving around the campfire, children must walk around the outside of the log circle, then remain sitting on the logs whilst they are around the fire. Children will be able to get closer to the fire for activities such as 'marshmallow toasting' with close supervision of an adult. Children will be taught the rules regarding f
- Long trousers and shoes must always be worn.

- Children are not permitted to throw anything onto the fire.
- Fires will not be lit in strong winds.

Only adults are permitted to light fires, unless children are under the direct supervision of a member of staff.

- No flammable liquids or plastics are to be used on the fire.
- If sessions involve children adding fuel to the fire, this must be done with one to one adult supervision.
- Water is accessible at all times from the outdoor tap and indoor kitchen area.
- At the end of the session, the fire must be extinguished with water until all smoke and steam has ceased.