

Risk Assessment

Name of activity/ event/ location	Fireworks - Sparklers	Date of risk assessment	29/10/2021, 19/4/2024 Reviewed 4/4/2025, 8/4/2026 Next Review 08/04/2027 V0	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Kerri Jeffrey, Stuart Collett
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Hazard Identified? / 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?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Hazard - Sparklers Risk - Burns	All	Members will be informed of firework safety before being given a sparkler. There will be buckets of water, a first aid kit and a first aider available during the activity. The members will all be lined up with arm length spacing between them in small groups. All members will need to wear gloves. Children under 5 will hold the sparkler in a carrot and wear a glove so they are not holding the sparkler itself. Children under 5 will either have a leader or a parent assisting them when the sparkler is lit and whilst it is being used providing one to one supervision. All members will be told to hold the sparkler at arms length, they will be told not to touch the lit end even once the sparkler has finished. All members will be told if they drop a sparkler they are to be left and the leaders will deal with them. Once the sparklers are finished the members will dispose of the sparkler in a bucket of water which the leader in charge will dispose of at the end of the evening.	

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Hazard -slippery ground Risk - falling injuring themselves	All	All members will be asked to stand still at an arm's length distance from other members. If the ground is wet and slippery all members will be asked to stand on a hard surface on the tarmac area.	
Hazard - Sparklers Risk - Fire	All	Suitable firefighting equipment will be available. A bucket of water will be available to extinguish the sparklers. Where the sparklers are lit any dry grass will be removed. The sparklers will take place at a suitable distance from a building. All leaders will be aware of the fire emergency plan and where to get the members to safety.	
Hazard - Weather Risk - Injury/Burns	All	If the weather is inappropriate, too windy or wet to safely use/ light the sparklers. The activity is to be cancelled or postponed.	
Review due: <i>A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, perhaps every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.</i>			

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