

## Risk assessment – Bushcraft

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<b>Overview of activity</b>					
<b>What are the hazards?</b>	<b>Who might be harmed?</b>	<b>What are you already doing to control the risk?</b>	<b>What further action do you need to take to control the risks?</b>	<b>Who needs to carry out the action?</b>	<b>When is the action needed by?</b>
Burns	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry burns kits</li> <li>• Have a bucket of water/bottle of water at bushcraft site</li> <li>• Brief participants on the appropriate behaviour around fire.</li> <li>• Carry out close supervision at all times</li> <li>• Number and size of fires needed for session aims</li> <li>• Ensuring that participants do not eat dough when it is too hot.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff and students	Throughout the session
Upset stomachs	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure any dough being cooked is cooked thoroughly, and don't let participants eat too much.</li> <li>• Make sure that participants have clean hands and cooking implements.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff and students	Throughout the session
Fire	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't let the fire get out of control</li> <li>• Be aware of the dangers of wind direction and the risks of putting face close to fire, to encourage it to burn.</li> <li>• Ensure any flammable substances are well away from the fire</li> <li>• Building a fire pit</li> <li>• Use something like cardboard to produce air at the bottom of the fire rather than blowing.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff	Throughout the session
Shelter building collapse	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructor to brief and supervise construction of the shelter</li> <li>• Shelter to be continually checked by instructor</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff	Throughout the session
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