



## Fire pit: Risk Assessment

Lapstone Activity Centre

**Identified Hazard -**

- Children not following the rules set out
- using incorrect kindling to start and keep fire going
- Windy weather
- staff not understanding how to correctly use the fire pit

**Risk Rating Key**

**!! Very High**

**! High Risk**

**# Medium Risk**

**\* Low Risk**

Risk	Control Measure
<p><b>!!</b> A child or educator being burned</p> <p><b>!!</b> Fire produces unnecessary smoke, smells and embers, could result in asthma flair ups and fires</p> <p><b>!</b> the fire is not started and controlled safely</p> <p><b>#</b> Trips/ falls</p> <p><b>!</b> Hosting a fire during unsafe weather (wind)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision will be strict, with minimum of two staff members in attendance at all times, one in charge of fire, whilst other to strictly supervise. If attendance around fire exceeds 20 children, a third educator must be in attendance</li> <li>• Strict rules will be set, e.g. a perimeter around the fire pit that cannot be crossed, if roasting marshmallows, only 3-4 kids at a time, if children run/ big movements they will be asked to move away.</li> <li>• Rules will be spoken about prior to fire pit use, with children understanding they will be moved away instantly If they do not follow the rules</li> <li>• First aid kit to be taken to fire pit area</li> <li>• A bucket of water or a hose will be available and close at all times the pit is in use</li> <li>• Untreated wood to be used and small sticks. We WILL NOT USE leaves, grass clippings, treated wood</li> <li>• The fire pit will not be used on windy days or on high risk bush fire days.</li> <li>• Will check local RFS rating prior to use</li> <li>• The fire pit will not be used during summer</li> <li>• Service to seek permission from families before allowing children to take part in fire pit zone</li> <li>• Service to speak to Lapstone public school prior to fire pit usage</li> <li>• Local RFS to give advice on safe fire pit use (2022)</li> <li>• Only educators with experience of fire pits are to start and maintain fire pit</li> <li>• If weather turns during fire pit use, the fire will be put out immediately</li> <li>• Children with asthma will be closely monitored, and if smoke becomes too much they will move away</li> </ul>

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