

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS
CHILDREN & YOUNGER ADULTS (CAYA)



GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Unsupervised/Self-Catering group use of White Hall Fire Pits

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: White Hall Centre

Date of Assessment	10/07/2025	Date of Issue	10/07/2025
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Assessment carried out by	Robin Heath	Signature	<i>Robin Heath</i>
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Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
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July 26				

Affected persons: Young People/Clients ☒ Staff ☐ Visitors ☒ Contractor ☐ Others (specify) Local Land Owners

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

Signature:

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Persons at risk	Risk Before Controls (Low, Medium, High)	Control Measures	Person to implement	Residual Risk (Low, Medium, High)
Burns from open flames, and hot metal fire pit	Group members (adults and children)	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Group to nominate a designated responsible adult to supervise and ensure all group members understand fire safety guidance issued at booking (Fire Pit Standard Operating Procedure) ➤ Water buckets, and burns kit to be present when fire pit in use ➤ Fire pit must not be moved ➤ Burning material must not be removed from fire pit ➤ Tie back long hair and loose parts of clothing 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Fire spreading to surroundings (e.g. grass, wooden structures, other plants, etc)	All site users, property, and local land owners	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire pit must not be moved ➤ Fires must be confined to withing fire pit ➤ Firewood and paper only to be burnt. No accelerants or flammable liquids ➤ Fire extinguisher and water buckets to be present when fire pit in use ➤ Fires must be fully extinguished before leaving unsupervised 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Smoke inhalation or irritation	Group members, especially children or those with asthma	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dry firewood and paper only. No Plastic or treated wood ➤ Encourage sitting upwind 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Slips, trips, and falls into fire	All users, especially children, those with visual impairment, or those with limited mobility	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adults to always supervise children ➤ Seating arranged safety around firepit ➤ Keep area around fire pits clear of any trip hazards ➤ Avoid using fire pits in wet weather ➤ Use torches in fire pit area when moving ➤ Minimise movements/walking within vicinity of fire pit when in use 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Improper disposal of hot ashes	All site users	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire pit users encouraged not to dispose of ash ➤ White Hall site warden checks fire area before each occupancy turnover 	Designated responsible adult and group members White Hall site warden	Low

Increased risk caused by alcohol consumption or substance abuse	All group members	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire pits must not be used by persons under the influence of alcohol or illegal substance ➤ Fire pit use to cease if any group member's behaviour becomes unsafe/unmanageable 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Use of cutting tools, firewood collection, poisonous/toxic plants	All group members	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pre-prepared firewood, purpose bought firewood, or firewood provided on arrival by White Hall Centre only to be used for fires. ➤ No cutting tools to be used to prepare firewood (e.g. saws, axes, knives) ➤ No firewood to be collected at White Hall Centre, other than that provided on arrival. This includes cutting living trees, collecting deadwood from the grounds, and collecting loose timber found within the grounds 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low
Cooking	All group members	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only ready to eat foods which have been correctly stored and are in-date should be cooked over the fire pits (for example marshmallows and smores). ➤ Food allowed to cook to a safe temperature before consuming. 	Designated responsible adult and group members	Low