



Torbay District Scout Campsite

Easterfield Lane, Torquay, TQ1 4SW

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Risk Assessment

Activity: Campfire Circle	Prepared by: Doug Eltham	Role: Trustee	Date: 31/5/2026
Location: Torbay District Scout Campsite	Reviewed by: Nicki Spalding	Role: District Lead Volunteer	Date: 02/6/2026
Review due by: 31/5/2027			

This risk assessment is to be used to support visiting groups prepare their own risk assessments. Responsibility for ensuring a suitable, current, and activity-specific risk assessment rests with the organising group and activity leaders.

Hazard and Risk	Who might be harmed	Control Measures Already in Place	Additional Actions	Residual Risk Rating	Amendments at Review
Slips, trips or falls due to uneven or wet ground	All participants	—	• Full safety briefing prior to event. • Participants advised not to run and to watch footing. • Good leader awareness and vigilance.	Low	
Flora & fauna (nettles, brambles, low branches causing injury)	All participants	• Periodic vegetation maintenance.	• Safety briefing to highlight hazards en-route and within area • Leader vigilance throughout activity	Low	
Use of accelerants causing burns	All participants	• Prohibited use of accelerants on fires at the campsite.	• Reinforced in safety briefing • Supervision by leader or responsible young people at all times	Low	

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Fire too large / out of control	All participants	Fire buckets available	- Designated person to manage fire - Fire kept appropriate size (campfire, not bonfire) - Safety briefing and vigilance	Med	
Burning wood falling from fire causing burns	All participants	- Fire buckets available	- Fire built safely and maintained evenly - Only designated person(s) tend fire - Leader vigilance	Med	
Participants too close to fire (burns, clothing/hair igniting)	All participants	Defined seating area around fire	- Participants remain seated unless directed - Safety briefing regarding behaviour near fire - Leader vigilance	Med	
Uncontrolled burn (e.g. excessive fuel or misuse)	All participants	Fire bucket available	- Bucket filled and ready before lighting fire - Supervised fire management at all times	Med	
Smoke inhalation (toxins from inappropriate materials or prolonged exposure)	All participants, especially those with respiratory conditions	Only wood permitted to be burned	- Check medical records and ask about respiratory issues - Designate recovery area away from fire - Ongoing monitoring by leaders	Low	
Emergency aid incidents (burns, cuts, stings, bruises)	All participants	-	- First aid kit available (including burns supplies) - Leaders trained / aware of procedures	Low	

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