



## Task Risk Assessment

### Task: Bonfires

Date: 13/11/2024

This risk assessment will be updated annually following a review or whenever further risks or control measures are identified.

Prior to the task taking place the task leader will assess the task and give a risk assessment briefing to all staff and volunteers to include use of tools, site conditions, manual handling etc.

PPE required to carry out this task:	Sturdy footwear, steel toecaps if required. Heavy duty gloves
Training required to carry out this task:	In-house training
Can this task be carried out by a lone worker:	Yes
Minimum level of first aid required to carry out this task: (EFAW, FAAW, FAAW+F)	Emergency first aid 1:50

HAZARD Potential Harm	PEOPLE AT RISK	EXISTING CONTROL METHODS Staff and volunteers instructed or trained to:	FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS		
				WHO	WHEN	COMPLETED
<b>Loading, transporting, unloading and use of hand tools and materials:</b> Muscular strain / injury	Staff & volunteers	Staff and volunteers to adhere to guidance in the <a href="#">hand tools risk assessment</a> . Staff and volunteers to adhere to <a href="#">manual handling risk assessment</a> . Wear suitable footwear with good grip, and protected toecaps if carrying heavy objects e.g. blocks for the fire platform.				
<b>Fire:</b> Singes, burns from sparks intense heat and flames	Staff, volunteers & public	Ensure appropriate location of fire, including appropriate access and distance from combustible material. Assess wind speed and likelihood of a fire spreading before lighting. Do not use accelerants to start fire. Maintain fire at appropriate size for the site / task.				

		Use signage and barrier tape as required to keep members of the public at a safe distance from the fire. Maintain a clear area around the fire. Use pitch forks to load material onto fire from a safe distance. Maintain a safe working distance of 2x tool length. Ensure water is available if required. Never leave unattended unless burnt down to embers and cordoned off to prevent access.				
<b>Fire:</b> Smoke inhalation	Staff & volunteers	All staff and volunteers to take regular breaks away from smoke. Take care when lighting the fire to not inhale any smoke.				
<b>Moving vegetation:</b> Cuts/strain injury, puncture wounds from thorns	Staff & volunteers	Group advised to not exceed their personal capabilities. Wear heavy duty gloves. Follow <a href="#">hand tools risk assessment</a> .				
<b>Fatigue:</b> Repetitive task	Staff & volunteers	Group to take regular breaks. Individuals advised to work at own pace and take breaks as required.				

The task covered by this risk assessment should only be carried out by a member of staff or volunteer who is trained and authorised to do so. If you have any medical condition which might increase the likelihood of an accident or injury resulting from carrying out this task then you must discuss this with and be authorised by your line manager, before you attempt the task.

	<b>Assessment date</b>	<b>Assessor</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Initial assessment undertaken</b>	Nov-2009	Alison Vallance	Neighborhood Wildlife Warden
<b>Review 7 Completed:</b>	21/12/2016	Lucy Tomkinson	Community Reserves Warden
<b>Review 8 Completed:</b>	13/09/2017	George Cooper	Land Management Apprentice
<b>Review 9 Completed:</b>	11/12/2018	Chris Parker	Head of Land Management
<b>Review 10 Completed:</b>	08/10/2019	Chris Parker	Head of Land Management
<b>Review 11 Completed:</b>	12/09/2021	Tim Read	Senior Warden
<b>Review 12 Completed:</b>	13/11/2024	Tim Read	Countryside Manager