

Risk Assessment - 1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scouts

Name of activity, event and location	Sparklers	Date of Risk Assessment	09.02.25	Name of Person doing this risk assessment	Nigel Pope
		Date of next review	10.02.26		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Incorrect/unsafe use of equipment Risk - Injury/death	All	Ensure all instructions on packaging are visible and read by all adults and volunteers. Safety briefing on use of equipment given before being allowed to handle a sparkler. Leaders to supervise as appropriate. Sparkers will be inserted into a carrot to make it easier to grip and reduce any heat conducting down the sparkler.	
Location - risk of slips trips and falls	All	Identify the Area to be used with cones and make an exclusion zone not to be entered by without permission. Use hulahops so show how to keep a safe distance from others. Enforce a no running rule	
Clothing/Hair – Risk - Injury/death	All	Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, avoiding scarves, lanyards or any loose items that could be a fire risk. All long hair to be tied back and neckies tucked away Boots should be worn rather than trainers.	

Behaviour or overexcitement – risk of injuries from mistakes or misuse	All	Stress the importance of being responsible when using sparklers . Give young people information and training before they are handed a sparkler. Supervise young people closely while sparklers are burning and once out. Extinguish in water as soon as possible. Activity to stop if young persons do not obey commands (Zero Tolerance)	
Burns – risk of injury to non-participants or observers	All	Create a safe area for fire lighting Explain the dangers of fires Instruct YP not move from designated area Instruct YP not to pick throw or release hand from sparkler. No loose clothing, Neckers to be tucked in or removed. Firebuckets to be close by Explain the drop and roll technique should anything happen	
Burns – Hand Sanitiser	All	All to make sure hands are dry after application of sanitiser before approaching the fire.	
Injuries – first aid required	All	Make sure there's a first aid kit and a first aider on hand. Practice treating burns before you start a practical exercise. Treatment for burns is cold running water and if necessary, wrap in cling film and direct to A&E	