



## Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre

**Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre – Campfire Circle (Updated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026)** – This risk assessment covers the general risks that could be experienced when using Campfire Circle and how those risks are being controlled by the Overstone Management Team. This risk assessments also identifies further controls that groups using the Campfire Circle should consider or implement.

This RA should be read in conjunction with the Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre – General Risk Assessment

**All users of the Campfire Circle should use this risk assessment as a reference but must produce their own, based on, but not limited to, the individuals and numbers within their group using the Campfire Circle as well as any equipment they may use. This should include any equipment supplied directly from Overstone or brought in by the Group.**

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled?	What further controls will be implemented to reduce the risk further.
<p>Hazard – Trips, Slips and Falls</p> <p>Risk – Injury</p>	All Users	Campfire Circle is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using the Campfire Circle should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users to exercise extreme care when walking around or are near to the campfire / fire bowl.</li> <li>• An area around the campfire / fire bowl should be kept clear of all material that individuals could trip or fall over.</li> <li>• There should be no running around the campfire / fire bowl.</li> <li>• Users should report any damage and report any concerns they have to <a href="mailto:feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk">feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</a></li> </ul>

<p>Hazard – Fire</p> <p>Risk – Damage to Infrastructure and Injury to individuals</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>Campfire Circle is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>A 1.2m fire bowl has been installed to limit the size of the fire.</p> <p>Two fire buckets have been provided and left under the shelter. They should not be removed.</p> <p>Instructions to be issued and signs to be installed to inform that fires should only be lit in the fire bowl.</p> <p>Instructions to be issued and signs to be installed to inform that only wood should be used in fire bowl with solid fire starters.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using the Campfire Circle should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users should control the size of the fire by limiting how much wood is put on wood at any one time and ensure that it is in a safe state before departing.</li> <li>• Users to ensure fire buckets are filled with water.</li> <li>• Excess wood or other flammable materials should not be left around the campfire / fire bowl that flames could easily spread too.</li> <li>• Users should have an appropriate first aid kit readily available.</li> <li>• Users should report any damage and report any concerns they have to <a href="mailto:feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk">feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<p>Hazard – Burns</p> <p>Risk – Injury</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>Campfire is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>A 1.2m fire bowl has been installed to limit the size of the fire.</p> <p>Seating has been arranged to keep users at least 3m from edge of fire bowl.</p> <p>Two fire buckets have been provided and left under the shelter. They should not be removed.</p> <p>Instructions to be issued and signs to be installed to inform users that no cooking is allowed on or over fire bowl.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using the Campfire Circle should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users should not use the fire bowl for cooking or toasting marshmallows.</li> <li>• Users to ensure fire buckets are filled with water.</li> <li>• Users to exercise extreme care when walking around or near to the campfire / fire bowl.</li> <li>• Users should wear suitable non-flammable clothing when near the campfire.</li> <li>• Users should never pour or squirt lighter fluid (accelerants) or any type of fire-starting fuel directly onto the fire.</li> <li>• Users should have an appropriate first aid kit readily available.</li> </ul>

<p>Hazard – Weather Risk – Wind</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>Instructions issued and signs to be installed to inform that fires could spread, or ashes blown on to people in the event of high winds.</p> <p>Two fire buckets have been provided and left under the shelter. They should not be removed.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using the Campfire Circle should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users should look at the local weather forecast.</li> <li>• Users to ensure fire buckets are filled with water.</li> </ul>
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