

Risk Management Plan - Bushcooking

An activity group is gathered at an established fireplace or pit. An activity guide briefs the group about safe practices around the venue. A small cooking fire is lit while participants find their cooking stick. Damper dough is distributed and cooked on sticks accompanied with a billy tea.

Location: At the retreat venue and its surrounds

Leadership ratio: 1:16.

Typical time: 90mins

Activity-specific risks

Environment	People	Equipment
Poor weather	Unsafe act of participant	Equipment failure
Falling tree limb	Poor facilitation	Equipment mis-use
Dangerous fauna	Pre-existing medical condition	
Fire escaping	Adverse experience to tasks	

History of accidents

Since 2022, 0 participants have participated at Tempus in Bushcooking
 0 have been admitted to hospital
 0 have been taken to a medical centre
 0 have been treated for first aid

Likelihood/Consequence ratings

	1 Very Unlikely Has not yet happened	2.Unlikely Happens several times in 10 years	3.Likely Happens several times a year	4. Very Likely Happens once a week
3.Severe Injury Hospital admittance	3	6	9	12
2.Major Injury Medical centre	2	4	6	8
1.Minor Injury First aid	1	2	3	4

	Proceed		Proceed with caution		Do not proceed
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Contributing factors and raw risk score

Poor weather	Extremes of temperature and stormy conditions	9
Falling tree limb	Species of trees, canopy loads and recent rains	6
Dangerous fauna	Season, vegetation, water-sources and daylight	6
Fire escaping	Current danger rating, vegetation, weather conditions	3
Unsafe act of participant	Experience levels and age	6
Poor facilitation	Fatigue, work-stress and group dynamics	6
Pre-existing medical	Diverse participants	6
Adverse experience	Experience levels and age	1
Equipment failure	Use, care, wear, storage and transport	3
Equipment mis-use	Diverse interpretation of manufacturers guidelines	3

Risk management strategies and managed risk score

Poor weather	Pre-activity weather checks, in-the-field observations	6
Falling tree limb	Identify trees of risk, manage group flow	3
Dangerous fauna	Prep site, lookout, good comms, aid kit	3
Fire escaping	Prep site, fire management and pack up procedures	3
Unsafe act of participant	Setting boundaries, safety briefing, manage group flow	4
Poor facilitation	Staff management, training and development	4
Pre-existing medical	Alert lists, good comms, aid kit	3
Adverse experience	Facilitate 'challenge-by-choice' framework	1
Equipment failure	Pre-activity check, safety briefing, retirement policy	2
Equipment mis-use	Clear SOPs	2

Inherent risks

Fire
Environmental exposure

Other emergency management plans that potentially need enacting

First aid policy and procedures

Emergency response to a lost or missing participant

Emergency response to a severe injury or fatality

Crisis management plan

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