

# CORMONACHAN WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

## Risk Assessment / Induction Form

In this risk assessment, the hazards are classified according to their level of risk before and after controls are implemented:

<b>Low Risk –</b>	<b>Medium Risk –</b>	<b>High Risk –</b>
Something which may result in minor damage or slight harm (i.e. scratch or bruise)	Something which may result in a significant loss/damage or major injury (broken bone or other injury, which results in person being taken to hospital for treatment)	Something which may result in extensive damage, multiple major injuries or death

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<b>Risk Assessment Title:</b>	Environmental Hazards: Open Fires	
<b>Risk Assessment Number:</b>	CWA RA-004 (Rev 0) Final	
<b>Review Date:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	
<b>Risk Assessment Written By:</b>	Don Kamsley	<b>Signature:</b> Don Kamsley
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<b>Personnel &amp; Key Individuals Covered By This Risk Assessment:</b>	CWA volunteer members
<b>Location(s) Covered By This Risk Assessment:</b>	Cormonachan Woodlands

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<b>The Hazard</b>	<b>What Might Happen</b>	<b>Potential Level Of Risk</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Level Of Risk After Controls</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Weather conditions – control of fire.	Damage to property and burns to personnel	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWA &amp; Ardroy shall not, and shall not permit any other party, (other than as provided for in this paragraph) to light a fire in the woodlands without providing risk assessment to and obtaining written permission from FCS prior to such fires being lit.</li> <li>• The FCS shall not grant written permission to light a fire during periods in which it considers there to be a high risk of fire. The months of March, April, May and June shall be deemed to be periods of a high risk of fire. The FCS shall notify CWA/Ardroy of any such additional periods.</li> <li>• CWA/Ardroy may light a fire in the designated campfire site in the woodlands without obtaining the FCS's prior written consent except during any period in which there is a high risk of fire.</li> </ul>	Low	CWA Committee
Fire out of control	Damage to property and burns to personnel	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If high winds are occurring, burning operations should not be started.</li> <li>• Supervision of the fire, one person to be beside fire at all times while alight or hot embers remain.</li> <li>• Volunteers will be given rules and safety advice and dangers of fire.</li> <li>• First aiders and first aid box will be available.</li> <li>• Fire proof gloves within easy reach.</li> <li>• Fire will be in a clear area to prevent the fire escaping the area.</li> </ul>	Medium	All CWA volunteer members

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire area will be away from buildings.</li> <li>• The fire will not be under overhanging trees that may catch alight.</li> <li>• A fire blanket will be available to wrap around person who may be alight.</li> <li>• Safety glasses to be worn by all personnel taking part in burning operations.</li> <li>• Volunteers participating in burning operations must be extremely vigilant of burning embers landing on personnel.</li> <li>• Flameproof coveralls are highly recommended.</li> <li>• 2 Fire Beaters' must be available at the fire burning site</li> </ul>		
Heat from hot embers	Burning to skin & clothes	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the fire activity is finished the embers will be dampened and spread out with a spade.</li> <li>• Work area to be left in a safe condition with no fuel source near to fire (e.g. brash / twigs etc.)</li> </ul>	Low	All CWA volunteer members
Smoke	Inhalation, irritation	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The position of the fire will be away from buildings.</li> <li>• The wind direction will be constantly assessed and volunteers advised to move safely out of smoke direction.</li> <li>• Use clear goggles.</li> </ul>	Low	All CWA volunteer members
Fire and radiated heat	Burning of clothes and skin	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision of the fire, one person to be beside fire at all times while alight or hot embers remain.</li> <li>• Volunteers will be given rules and safety advice and dangers of fire.</li> <li>• First aiders and first aid box will be available.</li> <li>• Fire proof gloves within easy reach.</li> <li>• Safety glasses to be worn by all personnel taking part in burning operations.</li> <li>• Volunteers participating in burning operations must be extremely vigilant of burning embers landing on personnel.</li> <li>• Person in charge of burning operations should preferably wear flameproof coveralls.</li> </ul>	Low	All CWA volunteer members

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The Hazard	What Might Happen	Potential Level Of Risk	Controls	Level Of Risk After Controls	Responsibility
Weather – Windy conditions	Fire goes out of control	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not commence burning operations if high winds are forecast</li><li>Check weather forecast before starting job.</li><li>If winds conditions increase during burn, do not feed fuel to fire and allow fire to burn out under supervised control.</li></ul>	Low	CWA Fire Leader and Committee