

General Risk Assessment

Risk assessments should be reviewed at least annually, or after accidents, near misses and when significant changes in personnel or work practices occur. To assist managers when completing their risk assessments, guidance, information and a number of generic risk assessments and/or checklists are available on the HMRC Intranet under **Health and Safety**.

Advice on hazards, risks and risk assessment is available from the HMRC H&S Advisers. You can contact them through the HR Service Centre.

Location Peterborough City Rowing Club (PCRC)				Activity Barbecues		
Issue The general use of barbecues at PCRC, especially in hot weather						
Number	Hazard	Possible effects/harm	Risk rating H, M, L	Control measures/mitigation	Detail further action required to reduce risk	Revised risk rating H, M, L
	Something with the potential to harm: hazards listed should be all those present before controls are in place.	Where a group of people may be affected differently, for example young people or expectant mothers, identify the separate effects/harm and risk rating.	Indicate the rating prior to controls being in place.	Provide details of control measures required	Note the action required, responsible person and target date.	Indicate the rating following implementation of controls.

1	Fire spreading from barbecue due to hot, dry weather	Grass, plants (including trees) or nearby structures catching fire Members, visitors or general public at risk	H	Barbecues to be positioned on a hard-standing patio or gravel away from combustible materials. Keep surrounding area clear of dry vegetation and waste.	Only competent and authorised people to operate and be responsible for the barbecue. Authorised operators and persons responsible and location of the barbecue to be organised ahead of the event.	M
2	Unauthorised access or interference such as members of the public or other members of the club tampering with the barbecue	Grass, plants (including trees) or nearby structures catching fire Member, visitors or general public at risk	L	Barbecue located out of sight from passers-by within the property to reduce interference and vandalism from members of the public. Only competent and authorised people to operate and be responsible for the barbecue.	Authorised operators and persons responsible and location of the barbecue to be organised ahead of the event.	L
3	Gas barbecue fire	Gas leak or flare-up causing burns or fire	M	Suitable fire extinguisher available for gas barbecues (dry powder or CO2 as appropriate). Gas connections checked before use and cylinder isolated when not in use.	Safety checks of the barbecue and location of fire safety precautions to be completed before use and fire extinguishers checked and purchased prior to the event.	L
4	Charcoal barbecue fire	Escaping embers or uncontrolled fire. Risk to grass, plants (including trees) or nearby structures catching fire	H	Suitable fire extinguisher available for charcoal barbecues (water mist or water where appropriate or other suitable extinguisher). Charcoal to be fully extinguished before disposal in a metal container.	Authorised operators and persons responsible and location of the barbecue and appropriate means of extinguishing the barbecue to be organised ahead of the event.	M

5	Burns from hot surfaces	Contact with hot grill, lid or utensils	M	Only competent and authorised people to operate and be responsible for the barbecue. Heat-resistant gloves and utensils to be used. Keep children and unauthorised people away from cooking area.	First aid kits to be available at all times.	L
6	Smoke inhalation	Excessive smoke affecting users, members and general public	L	Barbecue to be positioned in a well-ventilated area away from buildings and air intakes, and unauthorised members and the general public where possible.	Authorised operators and persons responsible and location of the barbecue and appropriate means of extinguishing the barbecue to be organised ahead of the event	L
7	Trip hazards	Falls caused by equipment, hoses or furniture	L	Keep cooking area tidy and maintain clear access routes in case of emergency. Secure gas hoses (gas barbecues) and remove unnecessary obstacles.	Authorised operators and persons responsible need to keep area tidy and access clear at all times during operation	L
8	Adverse weather changes	Wind / hot weather increasing fire risk	M	Do not use barbecues and consider other cooking methods during strong winds or if weather conditions make operation unsafe. Monitor conditions throughout use.	Authorised operators and persons responsible to decide if conditions allow the use of the barbecue prior to the event. Consideration to be given to changing conditions for the continued safe use throughout the event.	L

Additional precautions

- Never leave a lit barbecue unattended
- Ensure a responsible adult supervises the barbecue at all times
- Keep a mobile phone available for emergency use
- Allow barbecues to cool completely before cleaning or storing
- Dispose of cooled charcoal safely in a metal container