**Societies General Risk Assessment**

**Society:** Dolphin Appreciation Society

**Description of Event/Activity (please be as detailed as possible):** Freshers’ Week Bonfire

**Date(s) of the Event/Activity:** 12/09/18

**VENUE(S):** East Sands

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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you doing already to reduce risk? | What further action is necessary? | How likely is this risk to occur? How severe are the consequences? | How will you put this risk assessment into action? |
| Beach area | Persons attending event.  Slips, trips & falls | Instruct all attendees to walk (not run) and to tread carefully. Obvious hazards to be moved out of the way beforehand. |  | possible  Mild-serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Tide | Persons attending event.  Could be swept away or stranded | Check low/high tide times & plan bonfire for low tide time & locate a sensible way up the beach. |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| North Sea | Persons attending event.  Drowning or hypothermia | Do not permit attendees to go in the sea |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Adverse weather | Persons attending event.  Hypothermia  Poor visibility  Lightning strike | Check weather forecast. Encourage persons attending event to dress appropriately.  Be prepared to cancel event if weather is too bad. |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Inadequate welfare facilities | Persons attending event & other people using the beach.  Shit & piss | ? |  | Possible  unpleasant |  |
| Low Lighting if dark | Persons attending event.  Slips, trips & falls accessing beach | Ask people attending to bring a torch. |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Broken Glass | Persons attending event.  Stepping or sitting on sharp objects. Cuts | Check area for broken glass whilst setting up fire.  Instruct attendees not to bring glass bottles | Bring a first aid kit & someone who knows how to use it. | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Debris on beach | Persons attending event.  Stepping or sitting on sharp objects. Cuts | Choose clear area to site bonfire |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Fire | Animals hiding in pre-built bonfire | If the bonfire has been built beforehand check for resident animals before lighting. |  | Possible  PR implications | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Fire | Persons attending event.  Burns/falling into the fire | Sit/stand at safe distance from fire.  DO NOT attempt to collapse the fire by kicking it.  Do not allow persons who are obviously drunk to go near the fire or add anything to the fire.  Tie back long hair & avoid wearing loose clothing.  Avoid clothing made from manmade fibres.  Have bucket of water available to treat burns |  | Possible  Could be very serious/fatal | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Fire | Persons attending event.  Smoke inhalation/sparks/embers | Sit at safe distance upwind from fire.  If necessary, move to another part of fire circle to avoid direction of wind/smoke  Maintain escape route from fire. |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Fire | Persons attending event & anyone else on the beach.  Fire goes out of control | Only a build a small fire.  Fire should be attended by a designated sober person.  Only use wood,  NO Hazardous materials or refuse.  Use Buckets of water to hand to extinguish fire.  Make sure that there are no combustible items near the fire.  Designate fire/evacuation assembly point away from the fire & ensure everyone knows where it is.  Extinguish fire after event. |  | Possible  Could be very serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Fire debris left after fire is extinguished | Persons attending event & anyone else on the beach.  Hot ash/embers, sharp objects e.g. nails & broken glass | Only burn clean wood.  DO NOT burn pallets (nails)  DO NOT burn refuse.  DO NOT throw bottles & cans onto the fire | Once fire is out and cool clear up all debris & dispose of safely | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |
| Excessive alcohol consumption | Persons attending event & anyone else on the beach.  Wide range of injuries caused by inability to control consumption  includes injuries from violence and associated factors. | Advice issued to attendees not to over indulge |  | Possible  Could be serious | Organizer responsible for auctioning control measures |