

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Burns/scalds from contact with hot surfaces or equipment



Burns/scalds from contact with hot ash



Ignition of combustible or flammable items



Cuts and lacerations from exposure to fan blades



Electric shock or burns from incorrect use or damaged/faulty equipment

What other precautions should be taken?



Use a handheld igniters to light

Handheld smokers

Safety Task Card
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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions, where these are available.
2. Equipment can only be used in a well-ventilated area.
3. Only burn small woodchips, wood sawdust, dried herbs and spices or tea leaves.
4. Ensure the stainless-steel mesh is in place before filling the chamber.
5. Use a handheld igniter to ignite material in the chamber. Do not use a conventional lighter or matches.
6. Do not turn equipment on without the smoker head in place, so that fan blades are not exposed.
7. Be aware that the equipment get hot during operation and keep hands away from these surfaces.
8. Always use the smoker in an upright position, to avoid heated smoking materials from falling out and creating a fire hazard or contaminating food.
9. Allow equipment to cool before emptying ash, cleaning or storing it.
10. Carefully decant ash into a non-flammable container and douse with water before transferring to a non-combustible external waste bin.
11. Do not immerse the main body of the equipment in water.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

