



Risk assessment form (H&S)

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Date	January 2023		

What is the workplace / activity / equipment / conditions (delete as appropriate) being assessed:	How was the assessment done? e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives?	Next review date:
Bushcraft activities take place in a woodland near Pardlestone Lane. It can include teaching participants fire lighting, knife skills, camp craft. (Shelter building can happen in the same area, either as a standalone or as part of a Bushcraft session. See Shelter Building Risk Assessment).	Completed by Activities manager	January 2024
		Mobile reception / nearest landline
		Outdoor Centre

Who could be harmed, and how?	What is already being done to control the risks?	*Risk Rating Severity x Likelihood			What further action is recommended to reduce risks further?	Action by whom?	Date action due	Date action done
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All participants – slips, trips & falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety briefing for all participants with a perimeter set out. Constant monitoring throughout the session Potential hazards pointed out, branches, logs, uneven ground Area to be checked before the start of every session Walking expected at all times. 	2	3	6				
All participants – Injuries caused by low level branches & manual handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove branches if possible (if dead) Manual handling techniques demonstrated at start of session. Boundaries set out to the whole group Potential hazards pointed out All briefed on carrying wood correctly 	3	2	6				

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All Participants – Cooking, Food poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handling of pots and stoves are to be done by instructor wearing the correct PPE. Clear boundary around area when using stoves to prevent burns. Food to be prepped before start of session. Thermostat probe all food to check that it has been cooked thoroughly. Dietaries to be made clear by staff or participants at start of session. 	3	2	6				
All participants – Burns, scalds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear instructions about fire safety and working with fire lighter. All long hair to be tied back. All clothing to be secure. Set boundaries that participants should not cross. Participants to kneel or seated whilst cooking to prevent falling or tripping around the fire. Only instructor to handle hot pans, heat proof gloves to be worn. Continuous monitoring of participants 	3	2	6				
All participants – In proper use of Knife skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear instructions of how to hold, use & pass knives. Use the bubble method which allows the participant space to work. Return the knife to the locking mode in the sheath when not in use. Continuous monitoring of participants & behaviour Count knives out and back in again once the activity has finished Close supervision of equipment 	4	2	8				

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All participants – windy, extreme weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather forecast to be checked prior to start of session Stop for a break if needed Session ceased if needed, check with Senior management 	4	2	8				
All participants – Falling trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity area to be checked at beginning of day for any unsafe trees. Monthly checks of woodland for any sign of damage or dead trees that can removed. 	4	1	4				

* [Click here](#) for guidance in calculating Risk Rating. Rate the **severity** of the potential harm (between 1-5, where 5 is fatal) and the **likelihood** of the harm occurring (again 1-5 where 5 is very likely). Guidance is at [HS 004](#).

Please now pass this assessment to your manager for approval

Name of assessor's manager:	Ack Moore	Date:	21/2/23	Manager's comments	
Signature:					