



# Risk assessment form (H&S)

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<b>Date</b>	January 2024		

<b>What is the workplace / activity / equipment / conditions (delete as appropriate) being assessed:</b>	<b>How was the assessment done?</b> e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives?	<b>Next review date:</b>
		January 2025
<b>Bushcraft</b> 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	<b>Mobile reception / nearest landline</b>
		Good reception/ 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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<b>All participants –</b> Clothing/ hair entrapment & jewellery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COP guidance regarding clothing to be followed.</li> <li>Hair to be tied back and/or tucked out of the way throughout session.</li> <li>Any jewellery to be removed at start of session.</li> </ul>	2	2	4				
<b>All participants –</b> Slips, trips, falls & minor injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking always expected.</li> <li>Suitable footwear to be worn (wellies/boots).</li> <li>Group to be always kept under control.</li> <li>Point out any potential hazards, roots, logs, uneven ground</li> <li>All staff to have first aid kit on session.</li> </ul>	2	2	4				

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<b>All participants – Extreme weather.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check weather prior to start of session/day</li> <li>Cease activity if lightening is within 2 miles (1 mile per second from thunder to lightening)</li> <li>Alternative activity identified if winds are high</li> </ul>	2	3	5				
<b>All participants – Injuries caused by low level branches &amp; manual handling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove any risks if possible or avoid the area if not.</li> <li>Manual handling techniques demonstrated at start of session.</li> <li>Boundaries set out to the group at start of session.</li> <li>Potential hazards pointed out.</li> </ul>	3	2	6				
<b>All Participants – Cooking, Food poisoning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handling of pots and stoves are to be done by instructor wearing the correct PPE.</li> <li>Clear boundary around area when using stoves to prevent burns.</li> <li>Food to be prepped before start of session.</li> <li>Thermostat probe all food to check that it has been cooked thoroughly.</li> <li>Dietaries to be made clear by staff or participants at start of session.</li> </ul>	3	2	6				
<b>All participants – Burns, scalds.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear instructions about fire safety and working with fire lighter.</li> <li>All long hair to be tied back.</li> <li>All clothing to be secure.</li> <li>Set boundaries that participants should not cross.</li> <li>Participants to kneel or seated whilst cooking to prevent falling or tripping around the fire.</li> <li>Only instructor to handle hot pans, heat proof gloves to be worn.</li> <li>Continuous monitoring of participants</li> </ul>	3	2	6				
<b>All participants – In</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear instructions of how to hold, use &amp; pass knives.</li> </ul>	4	2	8				

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proper use of Knife skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the bubble method which allows the participant space to work.</li> <li>Return the knife to the locking mode in the sheath when not in use.</li> <li>Continuous monitoring of participants &amp; behaviour.</li> <li>Count knives out and back in again once the activity has finished</li> <li>Close supervision of equipment.</li> </ul>							
<b>All participants</b> – Falling trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity area to be checked at beginning of day for any unsafe trees.</li> <li>Monthly checks of woodland for any sign of damage or dead trees that can removed.</li> </ul>	4	1	4				

**Please now pass this assessment to your manager for approval**

<b>Name of assessor's manager:</b>	Ack Moore	<b>Date:</b>		<b>Manager's comments</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>					

\* [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](#).