

# Health and Safety –Risk Assessment Form

Activity: **Bushcraft & Forest Skills**

Location: **Redstone Centre**

Date of work:

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Hazard	Risk	Risk Level (H/M/L)	Precautions (Action) required to reduce the level of risk
Sharps: Bow Saw Bush Craft Knives Bill Hooks Carving Knives Spoon Knives Folding Saw Hatchet, axes Loppers Scotch eye auger	Cuts, crazes, bruises	M	Safety briefing prior to activity Demonstration of safe use of tools Protective equipment as needed Constant monitoring Safe place to keep tools Tools in good clean working order
Fire Lighting: Steel Strikes Fire Bow Strikes Tinder	Grazes, bruises, burns	M/L	Instruction as to correct use of tools and Health & Safety talk given prior to starting activity. <b>Use no Accelerants</b> Safe place to keep tools, ensure tools are in good, clean working order. Make fire in safe and approved place, check weather conditions. Fire circumference maximum 50cm. Safe place for tinder Have fire blanket, first aid kit , water bucket and welding gloves at fire site.

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Likelihood of occurrence	Low	Low	Low	Medium
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Drinking unfiltered water	Stomach upset	M/L	<p>Only collect water from source shown by instructor</p> <p>Ensure all non tap water has been boiled before drinking</p>
Camp cooking	Cuts, stomach upset	M/L	<p>Use correct knife techniques as shown by instructor</p> <p>Advise instructor of any food allergies and ensure food is thoroughly cooked before eating</p>
Site Safety	<p>Slips and trips</p> <p>Falling objects</p> <p>High winds</p> <p>Water, pond</p> <p>Tree stumps</p> <p>Animals</p> <p>Infection</p> <p>Allergies</p> <p>Irritant plants</p> <p>Animal excrement</p> <p>Infection</p>	M/L	<p>Give site safety talk and warn participants of risk.</p> <p>Advise not to run and to look were they are going.</p> <p>Advise must stay with group and not to wander off.</p> <p>Advise participants that hand washing is essential before eating or drinking</p> <p>Do not approach animals</p> <p>First Aid kit to be available</p> <p>First Aiders will be on site, nearest A&amp;E Dept is Leighton Hospital, Crewe.</p>
Additional Information			

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