

Outdoor Learning – Cam Hopton CE Primary

ACTIVITIES USING ROPE OR STRING RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with Lifting and Site Safety procedures and risk assessments for:

- General Welfare and Weather
- Woodland Specific Site Assessment

ASSESSOR:

DATE: 03/26

REVIEW DATE: 03/27

	HAZARD	L	S	PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	Level of risk	BY WHO
1	Visibility	2	2	Rope that is used during all activities to be bright coloured increasing visibility. Other markers can be used to increase visual impact such as hanging bags or objects off the rope. When not in use it will be rolled back into storage.	medium	Teacher on the day
2	Rope Burn	1	2	Gloves to be worn if an activity involves pulling a heavy rope. Activities involving rope pulling will be controlled tightly by staff. Children will be reminded of the expectations before using rope in any activity. Teachers to monitor and step in when necessary.	low	Teacher on the day
3	Trips	2	2	Brightly coloured, high visibility ropes will always be used during rope tasks. Groups will be taught the best places to position their ropes for activity with consideration of others and to avoid the likelihood of trips.	medium	Teacher on the day
4	Entanglement	1	2	The use of rope follows the rope use safety procedures and groups will be monitored and supervised by teachers. Teacher carries an effective cutting blade at all times.	low	Teacher on the day

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5	Catching Necks	2	2	Ropes will be made out of bright materials. Groups will be taught to inform and show other members when they have used a rope. Groups using ropes will avoid putting them at a height where people could walk into them and hurt their neck. Children will be advised of the dangers of misusing ropes. Adults to observe carefully and intervene immediately if the group are not following advice.	medium	Teacher on the day
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Risk Matrix

Likelihood (L)

Severity (S)

Risk Rating

1 = Unlikely

1 = Minor

1–3 = Low

2 = Possible

2 = Moderate

4–6 = Medium

3 = Likely

3 = Major

7–9 = High