

Outdoor Learning – Cam Hopton CE Primary

BUILDING SHELTERS 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 Risk Assessment
- Site Specific Woodland Assessment
- Tools Risk Assessment
- Activities Using Rope/String Risk Assessment

ASSESSOR:

DATE: 03/26

REVIEW DATE: 03/27

	HAZARD	L	S	PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	Level of risk	BY WHO
1	Knots Slipping	1	3	Specific knots and lashing systems are used for larger shelter construction. The group will have practised lashing and knots in smaller scale projects before moving onto larger construction projects.	low	Teacher on the day
2	Shelter Collapsing	2	2	Group is advised on how and where to construct shelters. The sites chosen and materials for construction must be suitable for the shelter types being made.	medium	Teacher on the day
3	Poking eye on shelter	2	3	Group advised to choose materials carefully and avoid those with spikes protruding. Teacher to monitor closely before, during and after the session and identify and rectify hazardous areas/materials.	medium	Teacher on the day
4	Banging heads on shelter	2	3	Teacher talk which includes how to move about safely with each other and with nature will be followed at all times. Teacher/TA to closely observe group movement and potentially hazardous choices/behaviour. Step in and rectify any issues immediately.	medium	Teacher on the day

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5	Trip Hazards	2	2	Teacher to ensure working area is kept tidy and clear of any trip hazards. Model to group what happens to equipment when not in use and appropriate tool and equipment procedures.	Medium	Teacher on the day
6	Injury from tool use	1	2	Procedures and Risk Assessments for tool use are revised before the activity commences. The group and leaders need to follow Safe Tool Use procedures. Teacher/TA to observe and monitor group use of and handling of tools. Safety equipment is worn. Teacher/TA to intervene as/when necessary.	low	Teacher on the day
7	Lifting heavy items	2	2	Group to practise lifting techniques and encouraged to work together to lift heavier items (just like with PE equipment). Practise on lighter items before moving to heavier items. Lifting techniques will be modelled and demonstrated to prevent potential injuries.	medium	Teacher on the day

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