

## Lineham Farm Children's Centre – Activity Risk Assessment

**Activity : Bushcraft**

**Location: Woodland**

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>
Participants' known medical condition, e.g. asthma, hay fever, allergy	2	5	10	Check medical forms, relevant preventative medication to be taken before session, reliever medication to be carried at all times, e.g. asthma inhalers, epipen	2	1	2
Tripping/ Falling	4	3	12	Check areas to be used beforehand. Remove/make safe hazards. Limit to areas where falling is safer i.e. no surface rocks or exposed tree roots. No running.	2	2	4
Strong winds	3	5	15	Check woodland areas for unsafe trees or branches. Assess wind strength and if in the region of e.g. 35mph, avoid woodland areas.	1	5	5
Branches/ Twigs in eyes	3	3	9	Instruct to be aware of branches at face height and at ground level. Show how to carry sticks safely. Stay in areas where risk is low i.e. few low branches. Remove hazards as arising.	1	3	3
Poisonous Plants/ Fungi and Infection	2	5	10	Discuss risks of this and establish "no eating" rule in woodland. Wear gloves when collecting plant material. Ensure hands are washed on return to centre.	1	5	5
Wandering near water/deep mud	2	5	10	Be familiar with area, know safe parts and hazards, supervise group closely and warn of dangers.	1	1	1
Well area	2	5	10	Children to be supervised in the area around the well.	1	5	5
Weather Conditions	2	2	4	Ensure suitable clothing worn, provide waterproofs / sun block / hats as appropriate.			
Lightning	1	5	5	See Risk Assessment 36 - Lightning	1	4	4
Low light /dark.	2	2	4	Limit the activities that the group can do such as not using the tools. Limit the areas that the group can access within this time. The entire group to be issued with head torches.	2	1	2
Fire lighting /purifying water - burns/scalds , smoke inhalation	5	5	25	Instructor to demonstrate how to light fires and how to set up the equipment needed to purify water. This activity always to be fully supervised. Tie long hair back, no loose clothing, keep coats zipped up. Young people must not run and must behave sensibly. If blowing on a fire while lighting, turn head away from fire when inhaling. <b>Use Water supply to cool burns</b>	1	5	5
Injury from tools such as knives and axes	5	5	25	Ensure tools are sharp. Instructor to demonstrate safe handling of tools, participants only to practice under supervision	1	5	5
Injury from shelter collapsing	5	5	25	Instructor to demonstrate and supervise shelter construction, using suitable materials.	1	5	5

Injury from setting traps	2	2	4	Instructor to demonstrate the correct way to construct and take down traps. Only ever set low level traps. Always take down at the end of the session. Trap setting only to be done in higher level sessions	2	1	2
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Maximum Supervision Ratio: 1:16 + 2 assistants (eg school staff)

Supervisor Qualification: First Aid, in-house Bushcraft training

Leader to carry a mobile phone & a First Aid Kit.

Essential Safety Equipment: Throwing line adjacent to wetland area. Water supply

Other Comments: Woodland should be checked regularly by staff to highlight potential hazards.

**Manager Approval:**

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**Review date (12 months or following any significant change or an incident)**