

Risk Assessment

Lindley Educational Trust

Bushcraft

Current as of June 2011

By Paul Booker

Hollowford Centre

Inc. kelly kettle, food preparation, shelter building, fire lighting, knives, campfires

Review date by 1st May 2012

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HAZARD	RISK	CONTROL MEASURE	FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY / DUE & COMPLETED DATES
General	Various injuries	Code of Practice applies Suitably qualified & experienced instructor (includes First Aid) Clear briefings & supervision All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded and appropriate action undertaken as required. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. Seek & share information with similar providers	No further action at this stage	
<i>For every session there will be a dynamic risk assessment on arrival and will be on going throughout the activity session</i>				
Extreme Weather	Sunburn Hypothermia Hyperthermia	Instructor to check weather forecast prior to session & observe conditions throughout. If necessary stop activity and move to safety (often minibus or accommodation). Change plans as necessary Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing plus access to warm (or cold) drinks Remind visiting staff & young people about sun protection. Group shelter available	No further action at this stage	
Participants	Various	Participants asked to share relevant previous & existing medical issues. Visiting group leaders asked any other (eg behavioural) issues Staff ratios (group size) amended as required	No further action at this stage	
Members of the public	Various	Venue choice Qualified & experienced instructor	No further action at this stage	
Kelly Kettle	Burns and scalds	Clear briefing and preparation by instructor. Monitor group preparing and loading the fire. Use leather gloves. Tie long hair back. Make sure the stopper is NOT inserted into the spout of the kettle. Burns kit easily accessible	No further action at this stage	

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Edged tools

Cuts and puncture wounds

Instructor to have worked with the group prior to and judge the suitability of the group before using edged tools.
Clear briefing and guidance on how to use the tool.
Close supervision at all times.
Knives only to be used when sat or kneeling.
Tools to be stored in a locked box and only issued when necessary and collected in after use.

No further action at this stage

Shelter building

Lifting injury, scratches and cuts

Clear briefing and guidance on collecting and carrying materials.
Safe manual handling.
Highlight the risk to face and eyes.
Use gloves.

No further action at this stage

Fires

Burns

Easy access to water for extinguishing the fire.
Burns kit easily accessible.
Fire location – overhanging branches, nearby vegetation, soil type, away from other activities.
Fire size appropriate to the task.
Briefing regarding behaviour, seating, placing wood on the fire
Trip hazards removed.

No further action at this stage

Fire lighting

Burns, cuts and abrasions.

Clear briefing on equipment and methods used.
Young people to wear leather gloves.
Long hair tied back.
Awareness of potential for drill to spring out when using the bow drill.
Close supervision.
Instructor to hold tinder bundle and place in fire after ignition.

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Cooking

Cuts, food poisoning, scalds and burns.

Good hygiene methods, use of anti-bacterial wipes and cleaning fluids.
Use only non-meat products.
Brief group on the temperature of foodstuffs eg Marshmallows.
Safe volume of water in pots.
Hot oils and fats (pancakes)
Close supervision at all times.

No further action at this stage

Wild foods

Poisoning, allergic reaction.

Wild foods only used with under 18s if previously agreed
100% positive identification
Only ingest a small amount if it is the first time of trying
Do not collect from field edges that may be contaminated with pesticides or herbicides.
Do not collect from roadside verges or where dogs are walked.
Do not collect from areas of foul or contaminated water.
Always wash before consumption.
Do not use old or dying/deceased plants.
Awareness of particular requirements of individual plants for example nettle stings. Etc.
Only use the IOL recommended list of plants.

No further action at this stage