



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:	BUSHCRAFT	DATE OF LAST REVIEW:	16 TH NOVEMBER 2024
LOCATION:		LAST REVIEWED BY:	CHARLIE PIKE, OPERATIONS MANAGER

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Unsupervised activity.	Injury caused by improper use of the equipment. Damage to equipment from improper use.	Unauthorised / unsupervised people accessing the bushcraft equipment.	Activity participants will not be left unsupervised with the bushcraft equipment. All equipment is stored locked away. Keys to access the bushcraft equipment are kept in the office and not to be given to unauthorised persons.	All site staff.
Under qualified supervision.	Injury or death caused by incorrect technique, lack of knowledge of the risks and control measures and improper use of equipment which could also lead to equipment failure or damage to the equipment.	Participants being supervised. and the supervisor themselves.	Butchers Coppice instructors are to have a minimum of site specific training and assessment for this activity. This is monitored via our instructor database.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team.
Horseplay & overcrowding.	Sessions becoming uncontrolled, participants not following instruction	Anyone within the area bushcraft is	Sessions are limited to an absolute maximum of 15 participants. Groups must have a responsible person	Designated group responsible persons.

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	causing injury to themselves or others.	taking place.	accompanying them during the activity, they are responsible for pastoral care, first aid and behaviour. Participants not following instructions or becoming unruly are to be asked to leave the session for re-education or permanent removal. Sessions should be stopped if deemed necessary for the safety of everyone.	Activity instructor.
Poor lighting.	Instructor unable to supervise activity safely.	Anyone within the activity area.	Activity should not take place in an area without sufficient lighting available.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors.
Uneven or wet floor.	Slips, trips & falls.	Anyone within the activity area.	The bushcraft area and other areas bushcraft can take place are inspected monthly including the condition of the floor, any defects are recorded and fixed. Pre-use checks of the area should be carried out, the floor should be swept where appropriate.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors.
Equipment failure.	Injury caused by equipment failing during use or not performing as it should due to existing faults.	Participants and instructors/ supervisors.	The bushcraft equipment is inspected on a monthly basis, any defects or faulty/ damaged equipment is recorded and remedied or replaced. Pre-use checks of the equipment and area should be	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors.

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			carried out.	
Fire, material remains of fire.	Falling into the fire, burns and participants throwing things in the fire.	Anyone within the activity area.	Instructor will ensure there is a bucket of water in the bushcraft area before starting the session. Participants will be sat down during the sessions and given instructions on how to move around safely. Participants instructed not to throw anything in the fire unless strictly told to do so.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors.
Incomplete combustion, smoke.	Smoke inhalation.	Anyone within the activity area.	Only certain materials will be burned and in a safe and controlled manner. Central campfire will only be lit in good weather conditions (low wind ect) participants will be asked about pre existing medical conditions that smoke may cause. Participants monitored for and asked to move away from smoke plumes if appropriate.	Activity instructors.
Lighting and burning materials.	Burns, lighting materials that should not be set on fire.	Anyone within the activity area.	The instructor will give participants detailed training in how to use the equipment safely. The instructor will supervise participants closely. Participants will be given clear instructions on what to light and what to do once it	Activity instructors.

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			is lit.	
Hazardous Materials/ chemicals, potassium permanganate (KMnO ₄) & glycerol kept and used as bushcraft equipment.	Explosive mixture. Potassium permanganate is an oxidiser, irritant, health hazard & environmental hazard (specifically aquatic life).	Anyone who comes into contact with the bushcraft equipment.	Only Butchers Coppice Instructors are to handle and mix the chemicals together as part of a demonstration. Activity participants & any spectators/ group leaders should be positioned a safe distance away from the instructor performing the demonstration. Instructors should wear PPE when handling chemicals and completing the demonstration. The mixture of the chemicals should be done on a metallic 'plate' to reduce any residue or chemicals being left behind.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors.
Existing injury	Aggravating injuries through activity.	Participants	Participants are asked by their activity instructor at the beginning of their activity about any existing injuries and may need adjustments or non-involvement at the instructor's discretion.	Activity instructors.
People with specific needs.	People with physical disabilities not being able to follow standard practices.	Anyone within the activity area.	Instructors are able to provide reasonable adjustment for participants with physical disabilities as long as it does not undermine the safety of the participant, the instructor or anyone around them.	Activity instructors.

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