

Risk Assessment – Bushcraft



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General Information	This risk assessment considers both fundamental bushcraft - i.e. day in the woods - and more advanced sessions such as the Ultimate Stag packages and NCFE Level courses
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Instructor Competence	Day in the Woods - NCFE Level 2 Instructor or equivalent Ultimate Stag Package - L&W Statement of Competence
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Ratios & Remits	1:15
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Identified Hazards	Who is at risk?	Example Causes	Control Measures
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Personal Injury	Instructors & All Participants/Group Leaders	- Using tools incorrectly - Blunt tools - Poor behaviour - Poor instruction & monitoring - Trips and Falls - Injuries from vegetation	- Instruction to be provided, including health and safety briefing - Ongoing supervision - Tools only given to participants who can behave sensibly - No running in proximity of session - When not in use knife to stay in its case - When not in use saw to be folded in closed position - Tools to be carried in their cases - If instructors wish to use Axes they must provide their own and ensure its fit for use, or use one supplied by Land and Wave. - Only instructors can use Axes. They must have had training and work in a safe and suitable way. - High visibility guy lines - Green vegetation is not to be harvested
Fires out of control Personal Burns	Instructor, Participants/Group Leaders and Public	- Making fires in inappropriate locations - Making fires during sustained periods of dry weather. - Poor behaviour - Poor instruction & monitoring - Burns, including those from Marshmallows	- Instruction to be provided, including health and safety briefing - Ongoing supervision - Fires must only be lit at areas where permission has been granted. - An appropriate means of extinguishing a fire should be present. - Extra care must be taken when lighting fires during sustained periods of dry weather - Notify fire brigade (if required) - Burn specific items in first aid kits and

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			fireblankets. - Leave Marshmallows at least 30 seconds to cool before eating. - Maximum of 4 people around a fire at one time - Burn specific items to be included in the bushcraft first aid kit.
Food Poisoning – Cross Contamination	Instructors, participants and group leaders	- Knives and chopping boards used for different purposes - Unwashed hands	- Clearly marked chopping boards and knives for different tasks - Instructors to provide briefing on food hygiene - Hands must be washed regularly in hot, soapy water - Food must be brought to a safe temperature - All food preparation equipment to be scrubbed in hot soapy water, and be wiped over with Antic-Bac.
Food Poisoning – Poor Cooking	Instructors, participants and group leaders	- Meat and fish undercooked - Inappropriate produce selected for cooking - Individual allergies	- A thorough cooking briefing must be delivered by the instructor - Food should be inspected before being eaten - Instructor observation of group is essential - Instructor must make themselves aware of special dietary needs before cooking - Lead Instructors will hold a current food hygiene certificate.
Food Poisoning – Infected Food	Instructors, participants and group leaders	- Inappropriate storage of meat and fish - Poor quality game	- Meat and fish are to purchased / defrosted shortly before the session - Produce should be kept in a cool room or fridge away from direct sunlight and insects

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			- Identify if food is fresh of an appropriate quality - Food must be brought to a safe temperature
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This risk assessment in no way negates the need for continual dynamic risk assessment on session.

You must report incidents or near misses using company procedures.

If you have any concerns or questions about the risk assessment speak to your manager.