


Location:	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	Date of Assessment:	1/4/10	Last Reviewed:	Nov 2023 CM	Name of Assessor:	Chris Murnin
Activity:	Bushcraft	Assessment Reference No:	4.3			Signature of Assessor:	

HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURES
Lifting heavy items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructors and participants to work together lifting heavy items. ▪ Manual handling training given to all staff. ▪ Brief participants on safe lifting of heavy items, for example “If it’s bigger than you, it takes two of you to carry it.” ▪ Appropriate supervision of participants.
Building materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Materials to be suitable for the size and age of participants ▪ Awareness of surrounding people when carrying materials ▪ Only materials specified by the Instructor to be used ▪ Monitoring and reinforcement by Instructor throughout
Boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate supervision of participants. ▪ Avoid using the car park to gain access to bushcraft areas and toilets, highlight a suitable route. ▪ Specify boundaries when in the bushcraft area, Behind the Tonks hut is out of bounds.
Exposure to heat and cold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor’s awareness of the environmental conditions when planning a session. ▪ Advice to participants of correct clothing and/ or use of sun cream. ▪ The Centre or additional shelters are available if needed.
Sharp objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor to be aware of low, sharp branches and warn participants accordingly. ▪ Instructor checking of the site prior to the start of the activity and removing any unnecessary hazards. ▪ Group must be supervised at all times whilst in the Bushcraft area. ▪ Ensure any new recycled wood is free from nails or screws before putting it in the Bushcraft area.
Low level falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants must not climb trees ▪ Cut tree stumps are not to be used as ladders. ▪ Avoid standing on stumps/ poles that may roll.

Uneven ground or debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructor to inform participants of potential low level hazards in briefing. ▪ Instructor checking of the site prior to the start of the activity and removing any unnecessary hazards. ▪ Appropriate group supervision.
Heavy items falling/ shelter collapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate supervision of participants. ▪ Safety briefing given to all participants prior to the start of the activity. ▪ Only suitable poles to be used for load bearing elements ▪ Instructors to check shelters are stable throughout the build process. ▪ Any cracked or damaged ridge pole to be removed from use
Diseases / bacterial infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants wash hands after the session or before preparing or eating food. ▪ Food and ingredients to be kept in sealed containers ▪ Food to be prepared as per food hygiene training.
Further risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participant's condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved. ▪ Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these.

To be read in conjunction with risk assessments for Open fires, Camping, Trangia Stoves and Knives, Saws and Axes.