


<b>Location:</b>	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	4/7/14	<b>Last Reviewed:</b>	November 24 CM	<b>Name of Assessor:</b>	Chris Murnin
<b>Activity:</b>	Bushcraft - Knives, Saws and Axes	<b>Assessment Reference No:</b>	4.58			<b>Signature of Assessor:</b>	

ITEM/ HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURES
Bushcraft knives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool with emphasis on always cutting away from the body.</li> <li>■ Participants are to be made aware of others around them, and must not work any closer to anyone than the length of their arm plus the length of their knife.</li> <li>■ Dedicated work area highlighted at the start.</li> <li>■ Knives must be sheathed when not in use.</li> <li>■ Introduce and reinforce a ‘STOP’ Command.</li> <li>■ Close supervision at all times..</li> <li>■ Instructor must ensure adequate spacing between group</li> <li>■ Instructor to brief the group on the appropriate stance, either kneeling, seated (cutting off to one side) or standing.</li> <li>■ Do not move around with an unsheathed knife.</li> <li>■ Tools to be stored in a sealed box and only issued when necessary and collected after use.</li> <li>■ Gloves can be used to protect the “non knife” hand.</li> <li>■ First Aid kit must be present.</li> </ul>
Bow saw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool.</li> <li>■ A glove can be used to protect the non-sawing hand.</li> <li>■ <b>If</b> the back of the blade is free from sharp burrs and edges, Place brace hand through the saw until the blade is fully embedded in the wood.</li> <li>■ Always question where will the blade go if it slips?</li> <li>■ Start sawing gently, increasing pressure once the saw has developed a groove.</li> <li>■ Ensure a safe working distance, with non participants out of the area.</li> <li>■ Blade to be covered when not in use.</li> <li>■ First Aid kit must be present.</li> </ul>
Folding saw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool.</li> <li>■ Check locking mechanism is functioning prior to use</li> <li>■ A glove can be used to protect the non-sawing hand.</li> <li>■ Always question where will the blade go if it slips?</li> <li>■ Ensure a safe working distance, with non participants out of the area.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Blade to be closed when not in use.</li> <li>■ First Aid kit must be present.</li> </ul>
Axe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Full instruction and close supervision provided to participants that have not used axes before.</li> <li>■ Supervision maintained for all.</li> <li>■ Axes kept sharp and handles regularly checked for cracks/damage</li> <li>■ Axe work to take place in specified area only.</li> <li>■ Blade to be covered when not in use.</li> <li>■ First Aid kit must be present.</li> <li>■ Bystanders remain at a safe distance outside the cutting area.</li> </ul>
Kindling splitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Full demonstration to be carried out before participants can use the splitter</li> <li>■ Ensure the splitter base is stable before use</li> <li>■ Supervision maintained for all.</li> <li>■ Splitter head kept sharp and regularly checked for damage</li> <li>■ Axe work to take place in specified area only.</li> <li>■ Blade to be covered when not in use.</li> </ul>
Transportation and storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All knives kept sheathed / closed when not in use.</li> <li>■ Knives kept in a locked box when not in use.</li> <li>■ All saw/ axe blades kept covered when not in use.</li> </ul>
Further risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participants' condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved.</li> <li>■ Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these.</li> </ul>

