


Location:	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	Date of Assessment:	1/4/10	Last Reviewed: March 2021	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. ▪ 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
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 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 wood is free from nails or screws before putting in Bushcraft store.
Low level falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants must not climb trees ▪ Cut tree stumps are not to be used as ladders.
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. ▪ Group supervision.
Heavy items falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appropriate supervision of participants. ▪ Safety briefing given to all participants prior to the start of the activity. ▪ Instructor to check shelters are stable.
Diseases / bacterial infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants to wash hands after session.
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.