

# Bushcraft

## Generic Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Faulty Equipment	Injury due to equipment breaking and hitting participant e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment should be checked by the Staff Member prior to and during the session.</li> <li>All clue cards/punches must be secured to non-harmful areas and checked before every session</li> </ul>	2	1	2
Equipment	Misuse of equipment leading to injuries due to being hit e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Member to brief participants on the correct usage of the equipment.</li> <li>Staff Member should remain vigilant to ensure participants are using equipment as briefed.</li> <li>Participants to be adequately spaced out before using equipment.</li> </ul>	2	1	2
Activity equipment	Collisions causing bruises, cuts & abrasion	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any equipment not in use should be removed from the activity area.</li> </ul>	2	1	2
Participants	Collisions with other participants causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Member to ensure participants are spaced apart when activity takes place.</li> <li>Staff Member to ensure there is good participant control during the session.</li> </ul>	2	1	2
Surfaces	Hard, uneven or slippery surfaces causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area checked for hazards before session. Participants checked to ensure they are wearing suitable footwear.</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Jewellery/Objects in Pockets	Entrapment/ collisions causing cuts, bruises and abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants checked to ensure they have removed jewellery and objects from pockets.</li> </ul>	2	1	2

Over-exertion	Muscle strains	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Member to ensure a thorough warm-up is carried out prior to the activity starting.</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Weather	Risk of sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration; or hyperthermia during activity	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure regular water breaks are taken.</li> <li>If it is hot, ensure participants wear sun cream and hats and there is a shaded area available.</li> <li>If it is cold, ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing to keep warm.</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Insufficient warm up	Muscle sprain or strain	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants must carry out a thorough and appropriate warm up prior to playing games.</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Lost Child	Lack of supervision leading to injuries	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants to be given a safety brief before setting off on 'walkabouts'</li> <li>Staff Member to carry out regular head counts and remain vigilant at all times</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Roads	Risk of injury due to collision with cars	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group must be briefed in full before starting to the session by the staff member in charge to stay away from all roads and to be cautious of vehicles at all times.</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Vegetation	Ingestion/illness caused by touching /ingesting vegetation	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member to ensure the participants stay together and that they are briefed not to eat anything they find</li> <li>Staff members are to wear throw away gloves if handling rubbish</li> </ul>	3	1	3
Fire	Touching the flame when using the flint and striker, leading to burns	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member must organise the participants into a semi-circle around them so that they can see everyone.</li> <li>Participants with long hair must be asked to tie back.</li> <li>Staff member to brief the participants not to touch the flame.</li> <li>Staff member to remain vigilant at all times.</li> </ul>	4	1	4
Fire getting out of control	Touching the flames leading to burns	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The flint and striker activity must be done on concrete slabs, away from any wood/ trees/ plantation/ etc.</li> <li>Staff Member to brief participants not to throw the cotton wool when it is lit, but to keep it on the concrete slab.</li> <li>A bucket of water should always be at the activity area.</li> </ul>	4	1	4
Litter	Dirt and sharp edges causing cuts/infection	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member to remain vigilant and brief participants not to touch any litter whilst on a 'walkabout'</li> </ul>	2	1	2

