

Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	How might they be harmed?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Action by whom?	Risk Assessment
Slips, Trips and Falls	Staff Volunteers Children Other Participants	Could suffer injuries such as bruising, cuts, or fractures if they trip over objects, slip, or fall.	Keeping all pathways and open areas clear of possible trip hazards.	Everybody to clear up areas where they have been working & playing. Highlight any problems. Make regular checks to ensure the area is cleared of unwanted and unused items. Climbing tree risk policy in place. Lifting, moving materials around the site should follow the Health	Everybody	Medium



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				and Safety Policy on Lifting and Moving Materials. Practise safe lifting, knees bent etc. Ensure Staff, Volunteers and participants are all wearing appropriate footwear.		
Tool Use	Staff Participants Volunteers	Cuts, abrasions, other forms of injury causing bleeding and deep wounds to hands and other body parts. Injury to feet if dropped.	Ensuring tools are fit for purpose. Have a good tool maintenance Policy Detailed Tool Use Risk-Benefit	Ensure tools are stored safely, out of reach of children. Ensure no tools are left on the floor to cause a trip hazard, or other injury.	Staff Volunteers	Medium



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			Assessment Good modelling and training in proper tool use.			
Trees	Everyone	Falling branches - injury to head or other body parts Branches snapping whilst climbing or securing tarps, ropes etc, may cause bodily injury (bruising, scratches, cuts, grazes)	Detailed Risk-Benefit Assessment in place. Good practice regarding using trees for activities. Dynamic Risk Assessments undertaken by Farnham Forest School Leaders each session.		Staff	Low



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Fire lighting and Cooking	Everyone	Burns, scoulds	Detailed Fire Risk-Benefit Assessment in place. Good practice and modelling of safe sitting around the fire circle and the safe position for lighting fires (on one knee) Ensure the water bucket and/or fire blanket are available. Ensure heat proof gloves are available.	Ensure all participants, staff and volunteers are provided with correct PPE whilst fire lighting and cooking on the fire. Refer to our policies on food hygiene whilst preparing food for cooking on the fire.	Staff	Medium
Ropes, Paracords	Everyone	Bumps, grazes,	Detailed Rope		Staff	Low



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and Hammocks		concussion, bruising	Risk-Benefit Assessment. Dynamic Risk Assessment of ropes, paracords etc and the environment in which they are being used. Check for damage to ropes and paracords that may impair the load bearing capacity.			
Kitchen	Everyone	Scoulding, burns from how water	Alerting people of the hot water tap.	Take caution when using the hot water tap.	Anyone using the kitchen	Low
Roads	Everyone	Hit by car, bodily injury from	Ensuring the gates are closed	Alert people to the road and parking	Staff	Low



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		fractures, cuts, bruising, etc	and locked during sessions. Ensuring children do not leave without a parent/caregiver.	outside the Scout Hut.		
Loose Parts	Everyone	Bruising, cuts, grazes, splinters	Detailed Loose Parts risk-Benefit Policy in place. Discuss with participants about the risks of using loose parts.		Staff	Low

Farnham Forest School also has detailed RBAs for the above risks, a Health and Safety Policy and other Policies. All these documents should be read together for a comprehensive understanding of the risks and how to overcome these risks.

First Aid is available at all sessions and is regularly stock-checked to ensure we can help most minor injuries. Sessions always have a Leader who is First Aid Trained.