

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS
CHILDREN & YOUNGER ADULTS (CAYA)**



GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR: Bushcraft

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment	8/10/13	Date of Issue	1 January 2014
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Assessment carried out by	Don Smith	Signature	
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Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2014	Don Smith	18/11/14	Y	
Nov/Dec 2015	Howard Morris	09/02/16	Y	
Nov/Dec 2016	Howard Morris	14/12/16	Y	
Nov/Dec 2017	Howard Morris	23/09/2017	Y	
Nov/Dec 2018				

Affected persons: Young People/Clients Staff Visitors Contractor Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment: Ian Price

Signature:

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
<p>Slips trips, falls and tree hazards.</p> <p>Extreme weather.</p> <p>Safeguarding.</p> <p>Injury sustained from trees/bushes or collapsing dens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All groups to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Groups briefed on specific hazards. Safety briefing to highlight not climbing trees or other structures Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate. Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing. Suitable emergency equipment accessible. Group briefing and management. Staff vigilance. Group briefed on moving safely through woods, taking care not to allow branches to flick back into the face of following group members. 	<p>✓</p>	<p>Instructor leading the session</p>	<p>Take special note of wind speeds.</p> <p>Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session.</p>		

<p>Cuts from bracken or brambles</p> <p>Plant stings / Insect stings or bites.</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour.</p> <p>Injury sustained lifting heavy objects.</p> <p>Traffic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures to be assessed by instructor, dangerously weak ones to be strengthened or dismantled. Group to be briefed on how to pull bracken up with bare hands appropriately, gloves to be worn if using brambles. Instructor awareness of the sites used and briefing given to group if appropriate on how to avoid being stung. When working with nettles appropriate protection to be used during the session. Group briefing and management. Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. Group to be briefed on safe lifting technique and assistance given by instructor and or visiting staff. Group to be briefed on any walking to be undertaken along roads, to stay on pavements and behave appropriately. Group to be supervised at road crossings and to have adequate adult supervision. 			<p>Corden off any areas with known bee/wasp nests</p>		
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<p>Infections and poisoning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No plants or fungi to be eaten unless specifically told that it is safe to do so. 		<p>Any plants or fungi to be consumed are ideally to be located away from animal paths or water.</p>	
<p>Burn injuries from fires</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to be briefed on safe lighting and management of fires. • A limit on the number of fires, ideally one main fire managed by the instructor and then small fire lighting sessions involving students. • No running near fires and no pushing rules enforced. • Long hair and loose clothing to be secured. • Fires to be extinguished by staff only and sites to be doused with water. • If cooking food, clear instructions to be given on safe distance to be kept from fire, sitting / kneeling near fires (ie; not standing) and safe use of skewers for toasting marshmallows, allow cooked food to cool before eating and do not wave lit marshmallows around but instead blow them out. • Any stick which is poked in the fire then stays in the fire. 			
<p>Burn injuries from friction fire lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to be briefed about hot components and then closely supervised 			

Cuts from edged tools

Illness/Allergies

- In the event that work with edged tools is deemed to be beneficial then appropriate training and supervision will be employed.
- Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.

Ensure staff or individuals are carrying appropriate inhaler, epipen etc.