

Survival Risk Assessment

ESTABLISHMENT: Holt Hall

PROPOSED ACTIVITY / ENVIRONMENT: Survival: young people make dens in the Holt Hall woods

Hazards <i>List significant hazards that may result in serious harm</i>	Risk <i>Indicate the level of risk</i>	Who might be harmed? <i>List groups of people who are at risk</i>	Is the risk adequately controlled? <i>List existing controls or note where information may be found. (e.g. information, instruction training, systems or procedures)</i>	What further actions are needed to control the risk? <i>List the risks that are not adequately controlled and propose actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks.</i>	Outcome
Site of the woods & general considerations:	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	Ensure site of den-building is appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only use the woodlands surrounding the campsite field • Woods must be risk assessed on the day of the den building to ensure that they are safe to use, for example, pathways are free of bramble, no branches have blown down CONSIDERATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing –ensure young people are wearing suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, for example, waterproofs or sun hats • Ensure first aid bag is situated in easily accessible location known to adults • Ensure young people have any medicines they may require on them, for example, asthma inhalers • Ensure appropriate ratios of staff: students. 	Ensure leader is experienced in this area of activity and that a 'supervisor' in the group has a first aid qualification and knows where the first aid bag is situated On very windy days, this activity may be cancelled	LOW

<p>Collecting of wood & woodland materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye pokers • Scratches (from bramble or sticks) • Foot injury • Splinters • Nettle sting • Wandering off 	MEDIUM	Young people and adults collecting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure young people know where agreed boundaries are • Show young people bramble & nettles, warn of scratches and stings and ask young people to avoid touching these plants • Young people must behave appropriately • Young people must be told not to eat anything that they find in the woods, even if it looks edible, for instance, nuts, berries & fungi • Holt Hall staff must check nominal roll for any nut allergies and make necessary arrangements with young people and visiting staff. • Remind young people to walk in the woods & pick up their feet to minimise tripping • Any stick longer than 1.5m needs to be carried by 2 young people, one at each end • Branches may not be broken at ground level. This is to avoid leaving sharp spikes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult supervision and modelling of behaviours. • Adults to observe young people & help with moving of wood if necessary • Adults to know location of first aid bag & which staff are first aid qualified (all teachers at Holt Hall have current first aid qualifications) 	LOW
<p>Collecting of water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling in lake • Wandering off • Weil's disease • Sickness 	MEDIUM	Young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults to accompany young people to the lake – no child may go to the lake without an adult (ensure 2 adults always stay near dens to supervise young people) • Young people to collect water only at pond dipping platform • Hands must be washed with soap at the end of the activity • Young people must be told not to drink the water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult supervision at all times with physical support if young people require it. • Adults to observe young people to ensure nothing is eaten • See general risk assessment for further information on Weil's disease. 	LOW

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