

RISK ASSESMENT BUSHCRAFT

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HAZARD	LOCATION	PERSON/S AT RISK	POTENTIAL OUTCOME	RISK LEVEL	CONTROLS
Slips trips or falls	Working Area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Site inspected by event leader in advance of event. Site, tools and equipment contained and kept safe and tidy. Sturdy footwear with firm grip to be worn by all as prerequisite for attendance. Event leader to monitor and control personnel and work area. Particular attention to ground and weather conditions on day of event. Information and safety brief prior to event commencement.
General manual handling	Working Area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Plan lifting of any heavy or awkward items well in advance and ensure close control during lifting. All heavy items carried as team lifts, minimum of two person lift. Minimise all heavy tasking. Event leader to monitor and control personnel and work area. Information and safety brief prior to event commencement.
Contact with hand tools including training knives	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Axes will not be used. All tools inspected and any damaged or unserviceable rejected for use. All tools to be maintained in sharp and serviceable condition. All participants to be trained and briefed in safe use. Correct tools to be used for each application. All edged tools to be stored safely when not in use. Sturdy footwear with firm grip to be worn by all as prerequisite for attendance. Event leader to brief on correct, safe use of tools before use.
Contact with soil borne micro-organisms	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	Medium	Wash hands before eating or drinking. Ensure washing facilities are available. All broken skin to be covered. Any cut or scrape to be cleaned and covered promptly. Bushcraft instructor first aid qualified and first aid kit available.
Weather	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Obtain detailed weather forecast before event. Avoid exposing skin to sunlight. Be prepared to abandon event or change venue if conditions deteriorate or if participants are incorrectly equipped, show signs of discomfort or if conditions are increasing potential risk. Event leader to check local conditions prior to event. Monitor weather condition throughout event and act accordingly.

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Contact with underground services	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	Low	Check with land owner to ensure areas suitability for the activity to take place.
Burns during fire lighting activity	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	All participants are to be briefed on the specific hazard relating to fire lighting and maintenance. All fires to be lit in prepared area with bare soil floor, with sufficient water on site for immediate use if required. All participants to be advised to wear low melt hazard clothing i.e. wool and cotton. All fire to be kept to minimum size. Event leader to monitor and control activity with particular attention to younger clients.
Burns while using Fire Flash igniters tool	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Low	All participants to be trained and tested on safe and effective use of tool before solo use. Event leader to monitor and assist where necessary.
Smoke inhalation	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	All participants to be briefed on hazard. Use an open air location. Only use natural suitable material.
Injury whilst shelter building	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	All participants to be briefed on specific hazard prior to commencement of activity. Provided protective gloves and goggles to be worn by all participants. Event leader to monitor and assist where necessary.
Partial shelter collapse during construction	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	All participants briefed on specific hazard, especially during initial phase on construction. Event leader to closely monitor and assist where necessary.
Reaction to shelter thatching material	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	Event leader to consider using different materials if any clients declared medical increases risk of reaction (i.e. Asthmatics).

Signed:



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