



Brown Bear Forest School

Risk Assessment for Tool and Equipment Use in Forest School

Bill Hook

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of bill hook	wounds	person using bill hook and those close by.	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using bill hook of tool talk • No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on other hand. • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • One to one supervision for early year's children. • Use in designated area for tools • Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. • Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag. 	L	FSL - during session.

Bow Saw

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
improper use of bow saw falling branches	wounds	person using bow saw and those near by	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using bow saw of tool talk • No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non-sawing hand. • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • One to one supervision for early year's children. • Ensure safety of site if using outside of designated tool use area. • If sawing branches from a tree ensure no one or property will be hurt or damaged when it falls. • Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. • Keep blade cover on when not in use and store in tool bag. 	L	FSL - during session.

Knives

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
improper use of knives	wounds	person using knife and those near by	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using knives of tool talk • No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non-knife hand. • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • One to one supervision for early year's children. • Use in designated area for tools. • Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag. • Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. 	L	FSL - during session.

Potato Peeler

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
improper use of potato peeler	wounds	person using potato peeler and those near by	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using potato peeler of tool talk • No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on other hand. • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • 3-1 ratio supervision for early year's children. • Use in designated area for tools • Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag. • Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. 	L	FSL - during session.

Mallet

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
improper use of mallet	bumps and grazes	person using mallet and those near by	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using mallet of tool talk • No glove needed • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • One to one supervision for early year's children. • Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag. • Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. 	L	FSL - during session.



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Loppers

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
improper use of loppers falling branches		person using loppers and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform person using loppers of tool talk • No glove needed, both hand will be on tool. • First aiders and first aid kit close by. • Tools counted in and out each session. • One to one supervision for early year's children. • Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag. • Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. • If sawing branches from a tree ensure no one or property will be hurt or damaged when it falls. 	FSL - during session

Kelly Kettle

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Fire & hot metal	Burns	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As open fire precautions • Stay with Kelly Kettle at all times. • Ensure it is on a sturdy, level, nonflammable base (it has a high centre of gravity). • Feed flames through chimney. • Use fire safety gloves to remove base. 	FSL - during session
Hot water	Scalds	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have air hole opposite side to spout. • Do not leave cork spout in while heating water. • Keep spout away from you to avoid splashes. 	

