



Brown Bear Forest School

Play Risk Assessment

Not every element of play can be covered by a risk assessment so we have dynamic risk assessment procedures in place and have only covered those elements which we think may happen.

Rope and String

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
string rope	rope burns to hands wrapped round neck	children	L	Use climbing rope for swings and den building as it is less likely to cause harm. Adult supervision for children using string for tying knots.	L	all staff - continuous

Collecting natural materials

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
berries plants stones	poisoning choking stings	children	L	Supervision of children's play. Advise children of plants that sting. Ask children not to pick berries or eat anything. Encourage all children not to put things into mouth and supervise those who may be prone to it.	L	all staff - continuous

Sticks

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
long sticks	harm from others with sticks	all	L	Children are asked to measure the stick by putting it under their arm pit, if it's longer than their arm they can't play with it. It can be snapped to make it the right length. Sticks must be the same length or shorter than their arm. When moving larger branches they must be dragged along the ground behind them.	L	all staff - continuous

Den Building

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Risk	Existing measures / new measures	Residual Risk	Who will do it? When?
long branches falling branches	hit by branches falling branches	all	L	Den building is supervised by adults to ensure it is a reasonably safe den that is being constructed. Larger branches that may fall dangerously must be removed. Larger branches must be dragged along the floor behind children till they reach the den.	L	all staff - continuous