

Risk Assessment – Den Building

Date: September 2024

Potential Hazard	Who is at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures
Slips, trips & falls	Participants	3	1	3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity should take place in spaces suitable for the activity and size of the group - Remove any obstacles in the area so that it meets the needs of the activity & group - Check that all participants are wearing appropriate footwear - Leader to highlight any uneven ground - No running - Ensure area is tidied before and after activity and the area is free from hazards
Cuts/abrasions/muscle strain	Participants	3	1	3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants to be briefed on dangers of plants, e.g. stings (Nettles), puncture wounds (thorns) - Participants to wear appropriate clothing - Group leader / instructor to be vigilant and maintain group control and instruct the participants to be careful with sticks - Instructor to advise to avoid using materials with potentially dangerous spikes - Instructor to practice and monitor safe lifting techniques and participants to be encouraged to work as a team to carry heavier items
Equipment	Participants	2	1	2 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leader to explain purpose and possible dangers of misuse of any equipment used - Group to follow instructions & safety briefing: inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in removal from activity - Instructor to ensure that as the dens are being built, they will support the weight of the den

Adverse weather conditions	Participants	1	4	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone working outside must seek shelter if weather is becoming a risk, including thunder & lightning, high winds or heavy rain - Extreme caution should be taken in areas where trees increase the risk from wind due to falling debris - Participants to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity - Group leader should monitor the weather and adjust their activity engagement accordingly
Existing medical condition	Participants	2	3	6 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaders to ensure the appropriate health & parental consent forms are used. - Ensure necessary medication available if needed. - Ensure all leaders are aware of the OAC's accident/emergency procedures. - Group to have access to a mobile phone.
Operating Notes:					

Signed:

On behalf of:

Date:

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Outcome				
	1 Negligible	2 Slight	3 Moderate	4 Severe	5 Very Severe
1 Very Unlikely	LOW (1)	LOW (2)	LOW (3)	LOW (4)	LOW (5)
2 Unlikely	LOW (2)	LOW (4)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (8)	MEDIUM (10)

3 Possible	LOW (3)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (9)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (15)
4 Probable	LOW (4)	MEDIUM (8)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (16)	HIGH (20)
5 Very Likely	LOW (5)	MEDIUM (10)	HIGH (15)	HIGH (20)	HIGH (25)

Likelihood of occurrence X Severity of outcome = Risk Rating

Example:

Likelihood (possible 3) X Severity (Moderate 3) = Risk Rating (Medium 9)