

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

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Adverse weather conditions	Participants	1	4	4 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone working outside must seek shelter if weather is becoming a risk, including thunder &amp; lightning, high winds or heavy rain</li> <li>- Extreme caution should be taken in areas where trees increase the risk from wind due to falling debris</li> <li>- Participants to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity</li> <li>- Group leader should monitor the weather and adjust their activity engagement accordingly</li> </ul>
Existing medical condition	Participants	2	3	6 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaders to ensure the appropriate health &amp; parental consent forms are used.</li> <li>- Ensure necessary medication available if needed.</li> <li>- Ensure all leaders are aware of the OAC's accident/emergency procedures.</li> <li>- Group to have access to a mobile phone.</li> </ul>
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	<b>LOW (1)</b>	<b>LOW (2)</b>	<b>LOW (3)</b>	<b>LOW (4)</b>	<b>LOW (5)</b>
2 Unlikely	<b>LOW (2)</b>	<b>LOW (4)</b>	<b>LOW (6)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (8)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (10)</b>

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

**Likelihood of occurrence X Severity of outcome = Risk Rating**

Example:

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