

FELLING TREES RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: General Welfare & Weather

Procedures: Lifting

Specific Site Woodland Assessment

Site Safety

Related Activity Risk Assessments

Tool Use and Storage

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	PROBABILITY (P) 1-5	SEVERITY (S) 1-5	RATING (P) X (S) 1-25	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN	BY WHO/ confirmation of understanding or completion
1	Weather	The Group & Leaders	A General Welfare & weather risk assessment completed				The group will be fully equipped to deal with potential dangers arising from poor weather and welfare issues.	CC/PM need to check weather forecasts and ensure all safety equipment is in position.
2	Woodland site hazards (falling tree branch)	The Group & Leaders	Woodland Site specific Risk Assessment completed	1-2	5	10	The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment. All group to remain in safe zone.	CC/PM will ensure that the woodlands Risk Assessment is used on site and aspects highlighted.
3	Head injury	The Group & Leaders	Any person cutting trees must wear a helmet.	2	5	10	The group must understand that the helmet will be worn. All helmets do not have a chin strap.	CC/PM must control the group ensuring that the helmet is worn correctly.
4	Lifting	The Group & Leaders	Lifting procedure is followed to prevent back strains.	1	4	4	The group need to know and practice the lifting procedure.	CC/PM to control at all times. Adults to monitor.
5	Tree being dropped by the group	The Group & Leaders	Lifting procedures being followed correctly.	1	4	4	Group need to understand lifting procedure.	CC/PM to be in control the whole activity.

6	Slipping, tripping, falling to the ground.	The Group & Leaders	The area selected for these activities is soft with any stones/ branches removed.	2	3	3	Group need to understand safety zone procedures	CC/PM to control at all times. Adults to monitor.
7	Walking into ropes and entanglement	The Group & Leaders	See Ropes and Strings Activity Risk Assessment. Ropes will be made out of bright materials.	2	3	6	Groups using ropes will avoid putting where people could walk into them.	CC/PM will advise the group of how to avoid putting ropes at potentially dangerous heights.
8	Tools	The Group & Leaders	All equipment is checked regularly to meet specified standards (see tool policies).	1	4	4	Leaders will check any tools being used and will decommission a tool if a defect has occurred or is detected.	CC/PM to check equipment before use.
9	Ropes failing	The Group & Leaders	All equipment is checked regularly to meet specified standards.	1	4	4	The leader must check ropes before each session and decommission if any defects are detected.	CC/PM to ensure all equipment is in working order before use.

RATING- The **probability** multiplied by the **severity** gives a figure from 1 to 25. Any hazard scoring above **12** will need to have immediate additional control measures put in place to prevent a serious incident.