## LOPPERS RISK ASSESSMENT

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|   | HAZARD                            | PERSONS AT<br>RISK     | EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES  | PROBABILITY<br>(P) 1-5 | SEVERITY<br>(S) 1-5 | RATING<br>(P) X (S)<br>1-25 | WHAT MEASURES NEED<br>TO BE TAKEN  | BY WHO/ confirmation of understanding or completion |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Loppers<br>transportation         | The Group &<br>Leaders | All loppers are kept in sheaths when not being used.                                  | 2                      | 2                   | 4                           | To ensure group have a full understanding on how to carry the tool correctly.  | Forest School Leaders                               |
| 2 | Loppers<br>slipping when<br>using | The Group &<br>Leaders | Tool maintenance kept<br>sharp and useable. No<br>gloves worn to prevent<br>slipping. | 2                      | 4                   | 8                           | To ensure group have a full understanding on how to position the tool correctly when using it, so if a slip occurs, it will not make contact with themselves or any member of the group. | Forest School Leaders                               |
| 3 | Loppers<br>bouncing off           | The Group &<br>Leaders | Tool maintenance kept sharp and useable.  | 2                      | 2                   | 4                           | To ensure group have a full understanding on how to position the tool correctly. Knowing the tools capacity to prevent the tool failing to cut and bouncing off.                         | Forest School Leaders                               |
| 4 | Loppers<br>snapping               | The Group &<br>Leaders | Regular and effective maintenance of tools.   | 1                      | 3                   | 3                           | The group should know that if a problem has occurred with a tool, it should be reported immediately to the leader. The leader will decommission the tool.                                | Forest School Leaders                               |

**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.