

BOW SAW RISK ASSESSMENT

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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	Injury during bow saw transportation	The Group & Leaders	All bow saws kept in sheaths when not being used.	2	2	4	To ensure group have a full understanding on how to carry the tool correctly in its designated holder.	Forest School Leaders
2	Tool slipping when bleeding used	The Group & Leaders	Tool maintenance keeps bow saw sharp and useable. Glove worn on the non-sawing hand.	3	4	12	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 them or any member of the group.	Forest School Leaders
3	Bow saw blade snapping	The Group & Leaders	Regular and effective maintenance of tools. Glove worn on the non-sawing hand.	2	3	6	The group will be informed of how a blade should look and 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
4	Bow saw trapping hand	The Group & Leaders	Hand guards on tools. Glove worn on the non-sawing hand.	3	2	6	Correct positioning of saw when in use.	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.