

# COLLECTING NATURAL MATERIALS 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

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	HAZARD	HARM	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	Hypothermia Sunburn	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 abd ensure all safety equipment is in position.
2	Woodland Site	Slips, trips, falls, bangs	The Group & Leaders	Woodland Site specific Risk Assessment completed				The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment.	CC/PM will ensure that the woodlands Risk Assessment is used on site.
3	Lifting materials	Back injury, muscle strain, injury	The Group & Leaders	Lifting Procedures implemented	1	4	4	The group need to understand and practice lifting procedure.	CC/PM will ensure that the correct lifting procedures are being used.
4	Insects and plants	Stung, anaphylactic shock	The Group & Leaders	Avoiding areas that contain stinging plants and insects	4 1	1 5	4 5	Explain which plants may sting and avoid areas containing them.	CC/PM
5	Litter and debris	Cutting hand	The Group & Leaders	The area has been risk assessed considering occurrence of litter	3	2	6	Ensure the group are aware of potential hazards and investigate areas carefully. If any potentially harmful	CC/PM

								litter is observed the leader is to be informed. The group are told not to touch it.	
6	Uneven ground	Trip, slip, falls	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment which considers trip and slip hazards	3	3	9	Ensure group are told to watch out for trip/slip hazards before activity commences. Explain to the group how to move around safely, not running or pushing.	CC/PM and Tonacliffe Staff
7	Low branches and trees	Banging, poking eyes	The Group & Leaders	Areas are chosen to avoid sites with eye height branches. Or safety goggles will be worn.	3	3	9	Ensure the group are aware of any dangers these hazards may pose. Make sure the group move carefully around the wood without moving quickly.	CC/PM and Tonacliffe Staff
8	Dog faeces	Infection and disease	The Group & Leaders	Areas with a high number of dog walkers are avoided	2	2	4	Ensure the group are aware of this potential problem. Leaders and supporting adults to carry antibacterial wipes in case of contact with animal faeces.	CC/PM and Tonacliffe Staff
9	Lifting and swinging sticks	Bangs	The Group & Leaders	The group are shown how to lift and carry sticks carefully	3	3	9	The leader will step in to control a situation when branches are not being carried correctly.	CC/PM
10	Fungus	Poison	The Group & Leaders	Areas with high numbers of fungi will not be used	3	2	6	Group are shown a fungus or pictures of them so that they can avoid touching them.	CC/PM and Tonacliffe Staff
11	Toxic plants	Poison	The Group & Leaders	Access to areas containing toxic plants will be restricted	1	4	4	The group will be told not to eat anything that they find and will clean their hands before eating food.	CC/PM and Tonacliffe Staff

**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.