



St. Mary's CiW SCHOOL – FOREST SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT

Task/Operation:	Shelter building: natural and man made	Date	July 2022
Group affected:	Children, staff	Review due:	July 2023
Assessors	KL, JR, NW and DM		

Hazard	Risk	L 1	S 1	RR 1	Control Measures Who is responsible?	L 2	S 2	R R 2	Go ahead?
Shelter collapsing, falling timber	Head injuries, crush injuries	2	3	6	Adults closely supervise construction and choice of site. Type of construction appropriate to the age of the children.	1	3	3	yes
Timber at head and eye height	Head and eye injuries	2	2	4	Children to move sensibly and in a controlled manner when near the shelters. Children to be advised of low timber, particularly when entering the shelter. Design of timber should avoid using timber with spikes at eye level at all Times.	1	2	2	yes
Collecting and handling timber	Splinters, cuts, abrasions, trips	2	2	4	Adults to supervise the storage of timber prior to construction so that it does not become a trip hazard. Manual handling techniques employed and children to work in teams when moving timber.	1	2	2	yes
Using tarpaulins and rope	Suffocation, strangulation	2	3	6	High adult to child ratio when using tarpaulins and rope. Wherever practicable elastic ropes (bungees) will be used. Children misusing the equipment will be removed from the activity until they are ready to use it appropriately.	1	3	3	yes

Using rope and string for lashings.	Cuts, friction burns, Tourniquets, strangulation	2	2	4	High adult to child ratio when using rope and string. Instructions and supervision given when lashing timber together.	1	2	2	yes
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Key: L1: Likelihood before control measures

L2: Likelihood after control measures

S1: Severity before control measures

S2: Severity after control measures

RR1: Risk Rating (likelihood multiplies by severity) before control measures

RR2: Risk Rating after control measures

0 is lowest measure, 3 is highest measure. Any activities with scores of 6 after control measures are in place are not safe.