



St. Mary's CiW School Forest School Tool Use Risk Assessment

Task/Operation:	Tool use	Date	July 2022
Group affected:	Children, staff	Review due:	July 2023
Assessors	KL, JR, DM, NW		

Hazard	Risk	L 1	S 1	RR 1	Control Measures Who is responsible?	L 2	S 2	R R 2	Go ahead?
Using tools with sharp edges, blades, points. Includes bowsaw, folding saw, knife, peeler, hand drill, palm drill, hand files, loppers, secateurs.	Cuts, abrasions.	2	3	6	<p>Tool safety talk given before the tool is used every time.</p> <p>High staff to child ratio when using the tools.</p> <p>Children and staff use personal protection equipment at all times when using tools (gloves).</p> <p>Tools used in safe working bubble: at least 2 arms' length plus a tool's length away from next person.</p> <p>Tool users adopt safe stance of one knee down one knee up when working.</p> <p>Tool users take off safety covers carefully before use, and reapply them after use.</p> <p>The children are given close guidance by the Forest School Leader and supporting staff.</p>	1	3	3	yes
Inappropriate handling and carrying of tools.	Stab and puncture wounds, eye injuries, head injuries, falling onto sharp tools.	2	3	6	<p>Children shown how to pass, receive, and carry tools safely, every session when tools are used.</p> <p>Children handling and carrying the tools inappropriately will be removed from the activity until they are ready to use them appropriately.</p> <p>The tools are counted on and off site.</p> <p>After use all tools are returned to the tool box which is locked when tools are not in use. The tool box is kept in a designated place in the woodland when the group is at the wood.</p>	1	3	3	yes
Tools accessed by unsupervised child or adult.	Injury to self or others.	2	3	6	<p>Tools kept in locked cupboard in Foxes Den</p> <p>Tools kept in locked cupboard in designated place when not in use during tool session.</p> <p>Tool box never left unattended by staff when removed from cupboard for</p>	1	3	3	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.