


Risk assessment - Bushcraft

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| Name of activity, event, and location | Bushcraft – Open Fire Cooking Blair Atholl Jamborette |  | Date of risk assessment | June 2026 | Name of person doing this risk assessment |
| | | | Date of next review | Jamborette 2028 | |


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| Fire – Uncontrolled spread / unwanted ignition | Explorers Leaders Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Keep sources / means of ignition separate from fuel. ❖ Use designated fire pits ❖ Check for migrating fire / maintain housekeeping ❖ Extinguish FULLY upon completion ❖ Fire buckets available at base | |
| Fire – burns | Explorers Leaders Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Full safety briefing and explanation of dangers. ❖ Explorers supervised in ratio of 1:6. ❖ Water buckets at base. ❖ All burns to be reported to Sub Camp leaders by base staff. | |
| Slips / Trips | Explorers Leaders Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Basic housekeeping - Remove natural trip hazards e.g. branches ❖ Activity area layout to minimise trip hazards - Maintain safe access / egress | |
| Knives - cuts | Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety demo for using knives including Pre/Post use checks ❖ Safe & secure storage of knives ❖ First aid kit available / designated first aiders | |
| Food Allergies / intolerance – Upset stomach / allergic reaction | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Request Allergy information via Activity Coordination team / QM ❖ Separate food prep / Storage area ❖ Regular cleaning of equipment & deep clean daily ❖ Explanation given on how to confirm food cooked, supervision of foods to be eaten. ❖ Ensure basic hygiene practices applied ❖ Hand wash facilities available ❖ No loose clothing / hair tied back | |

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| Tools – hand injuries | Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety Demo for using tools ❖ Supervision ❖ No loose clothing / hair tied back | |
| Knives / saws - cuts | Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety demo for using knives / saws including Pre/Post use checks ❖ Safe & secure storage of knives / saws ❖ Cut resistant gloves available for use ❖ First aid kit available / designated first aiders | |
| Slips / Trips | Explorers Leaders Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Basic housekeeping - Remove natural trip hazards e.g. branches ❖ Activity area layout to minimise trip hazards - Maintain safe access / egress | |
| Kelly Kettle – Burns / scalding / explosion | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety Demo for using Kelly kettle including stopper incident ❖ Supervision / set up in clear flat area ❖ No loose clothing / hair tied back | |

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| Weather – loss of concentration | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Shelter set up to provide safe work area from elements ❖ Participants to wear appropriate clothing for conditions ❖ Regular breaks to enable hydration /warming up | |
| Cuts and scratches (knife use) | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety briefing to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ safety bubble ○ pre / post use checks ○ body position / Scouts seated / stationary while working. ○ Types of knife & uses ○ transporting knife ○ Different types of grips / cuts ○ Tools kept sharp, blunt tools require additional force to use and tend to slip. ❖ 1:4 supervision ratio ❖ Cut resistant gloves available ❖ Correct storage of tools when not in use | |

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| Cuts and scratches (saw use) | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety briefing ❖ Demo of correct use of saw ❖ Tools kept sharp, blunt tools require additional force to use and tend to slip. ❖ 1:4 supervision ratio ❖ Clear work area ❖ Correct storage of tools when not in use | |
| Impact injury from Axe / Froe | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety Briefing including safe use demo ❖ Use of Axe / Froe in defined chopping area ❖ Appropriate clothing / footwear ❖ Correct storage / transportation of tools when not in use | |
| Medical – Cramp / blisters | Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Regular breaks ❖ Change cutting technique / tool | |
| Tools – hand injuries | Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Safety Demo for using tools ❖ Supervision ❖ No loose clothing / hair tied back | |

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| Name of activity, event, and location | Bushcraft – Tomahawk / Angel throwing Blair Atholl Jamborette |  | Date of risk assessment | June 2026 | Name of person doing this risk assessment |
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| Slips / Trips | Explorers Leaders Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Basic housekeeping - Remove natural trip hazards e.g. branches ❖ Activity area layout to minimise trip hazards - Maintain safe access / egress | |
| Blunt force trauma | Explorers / Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Area marked off with tape/rope, explanation briefing as per FS120011 regarding when tomahawks can be used, direct instruction regarding failure to comply with safety rules. | |
| Injury received by being struck by a thrown hawk/angel. | Persons in area in front of or behind target, or behind throwers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Area behind target roped off and regularly checked by PiC. ❖ Participants instructed to refrain from throwing while persons are in area in front of target. ❖ PiC to monitor area, give clear direction if it is either safe or unsafe to throw, and stop activity if required. ❖ PiC to give clear instructions as to when it is safe to collect hawks/angels ❖ Spectators may stand in line with participant no closer than 1 metre from either shoulder.) PiC to monitor area and stop activity if required. ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| Injury received from hawk/angel bouncing back from the target | Participant, activity leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Target to be round of soft wood (e.g. pine) ❖ Minimum throwing line to be marked at 3 metres ❖ Participants to be instructed on safe throwing technique, and reminded as required ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |

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| Minor hand injury. | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hawks/angels lodged in target are occasionally struck by another thrown angel sometimes resulting in sharp metal burrs or wooden splinters. ❖ Equipment should be checked regularly, with additional inspection if heard/seen to clash, and a file used to de-burr. ❖ Follow guidance in FS120011 re hawk/angel numbers and targets ❖ First aid kit available. | |
| Injury received from hawk/angel falling from target | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ When collecting thrown hawks/angels the participant should remove those lodged in targets first, therefore avoiding any falling and causing injury while participant collects any on the ground. ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| Injury received from contact with hawk/angel lodged in target | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ When collecting thrown hawks/angels the participant should remove those lodged in targets first, therefore avoiding the risk of head etc injury when straightening up after picking up from the ground. ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| Foot injury | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sturdy boots/shoes to be worn by all participants to protect feet - no open toed sandals ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| Injury received from falling target, due to poor construction or damage | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Targets to be constructed and placed such that they are stable and robust. ❖ PiC to inspect target regularly, and make any repairs necessary ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| Injury received from falling target, due to hawk/angel being removed from target incorrectly | Participant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Participant to be instructed on safe removal of hawks/angels from target ❖ Continual monitoring during the activity, with reminders as required ❖ Guidance in FS120011 followed | |
| YP throw axes or knives during or after activity | Participant and others around them | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Guidance to be provided on what can and can't be thrown ❖ Special emphasis on not throwing knives or ordinary axes | |

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| Knives / punches / scissors - Cuts to person / other | Explorers Leaders | ❖ Safety Brief ❖ Demo of correct use of tools ❖ Pre / Post equipment checks | |
| Bruises from hammers | Explorers Leaders | ❖ Safety Brief ❖ Demo of correct use of tools | |
| Trapped fingers | Explorers Leaders | ❖ Correct use of rope making machine | |
| Choking hazard with cordage | Explorers Leaders | ❖ Instruction given regarding dangers and messing around with cordage. ❖ Layout / good housekeeping of work area to minimise trip hazards | |
| Burns – sealing paracord | Explorers Leaders | ❖ Demo safe- burn and seal the ends ❖ Suitable heat source and gloves to be used ❖ Water bucket to be in activity area | |

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| Weather – loss of concentration | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Shelter option available if adverse weather ❖ Participants to wear appropriate clothing for conditions ❖ Regular breaks to enable hydration /warming up | |
| Falls from height | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ How to set up hammock / tarp shelter demonstrated ❖ Safe access / egress to be demonstrated ❖ All Hammocks to be inspected before occupation ❖ Ground area to be free of debris / hard surfaces | |
| Lyme's disease | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Recommend long sleeve / skin covering clothing. ❖ Instruct Explorers how to check / correctly remove ticks & if a tick is attached to person, then Explorers should inform sub-camp staff / medical team. | |
| Falling branches or trees could cause injuries. | Explorers Leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Check Trees in good condition ❖ Check for Hanging / dead branches ❖ Identify unsuitable & suitable trees to users as part of activity brief | |

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