

Severity \ Likelihood	Slight harm (Superficial injuries, minor cuts and bruises)	Harmful (Minor fractures, ill health leading to minor disability)	Extremely harmful (Multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities)
Unlikely (Rarely happens)	Low risk	Low risk	Medium risk
Likely (Often happens)	Low risk	Medium risk	High risk
Very likely (Nearly always happens)	Medium risk	High risk	High risk

### Event information and risk assessment approval:

Event/Activity (brief description): <b>Self-led bushcraft</b>		Date: <b>01/04/2024</b>
Total attending: Up to 12 participants, plus minimum 1 experienced lead adult and 1 supporting adult		Those attending: Girlguiding units or other youth organisations, other charities.
Consent for Event/Activity forms completed:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Venue: Deer Park Activity Centre
Instructor qualification checked*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Decision:</b> once all the actions are carried out can you eliminate or safely manage the risk of harm to ensure you can safely go ahead with this event/activity (i.e. have degree of challenge, harm and risk whilst being confident the control measures in place will keep girls safe)		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If you answered 'no' to the above <i>decision</i> question, please explain why:		
Risk assessment completed by: Anne Anderson		Role: Volunteer/Instructor
Risk assessment due for review (must be reviewed with every change to either the activity or government guidance on coronavirus safety measures):		Date: 01/04/2025

<sup>1</sup> Adults refers to adult volunteers who are part of the event/activity delivery team

\*Refer to the Activities Finder for information about instructor qualifications

### Note to leaders:

We recommend you agree with your commissioner in advance how long they will need to review your risk assessment.

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Fires	All - burns	Bushcraft to take place only in designated bushcraft/campfire areas.  Central fire always supervised by the instructor.  Verbal briefing to be given before activity starts.  Lead adult trained in 1st aid and 1st aid kit taken to each session.  Fire bucket of water available close to the fire.	Low	Medium	The fire pit is double logged at its boundary and no significant fire is allowed outside of this area.  Fires are never left unattended.	Lead adult - ongoing
Wood piles	All - accident, injury	Wood needs to be stored neatly in a woodpile which is obvious and not in a place that can be a trip hazard.	Low	Low	Adult supervision throughout	Lead adult & other group adults - ongoing

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Lighting fires	All - burns	<p>Lead adult is experienced in fire lighting with novice groups.</p> <p>Supervision is required during all types of fire-lighting (flint and steel / friction fire lighting / magnifying glass etc.)</p> <p>Long hair to be tied back and other dangling risks (eg neckers, lanyards) to be tucked in or removed.</p> <p>Fires to be only lit within the fire pit or on the designated 'fire rounds'. Fire rounds are placed and kept on the ground whilst lighting fires on them.</p>	Low	Medium	Adult supervision throughout.	Lead adult & other group adults - ongoing
Slips, trips and falls	All - accident, injury	<p>Instructions given on how to move around the area safely.</p> <p>When not actively involved in the activity, participants should be seated on the logs surrounding the fire-pit.</p>	Low	Low	Adult supervision throughout.	Lead adult & other group adults - ongoing

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Food activities	All - illness, allergic reaction	Hands washed or hand sanitiser used before a food activity is started.  Ensure all food is cooked appropriately to be safe to eat.	Low	High	Any allergy information gathered ahead of the session and catered for appropriately.	Lead adult - prior to/ during each session
Inappropriate behaviour	All - accident, injury	Adult:child ratios to comply with Girlguiding rules.  Lead adult to be aware of known behavioural challenges/ conditions.  Lead adult trained in 1st aid and 1st aid kit taken to each session.  Lead adult to cease the session if behaviour is deemed to be posing a hazard to the activity.	Low	Medium	Groups must provide their experienced lead adult, plus at least one other adult to supervise their group throughout the session.  Additional adult supervision should be provided by the group if there are known concerns.	Lead adult - prior to/ during each session
Shelter building	All - accidents, injury	Instructions given on the size of shelters to be built and the best ways to achieve a shelter.  Large sticks are always to be dragged and not carried at height.	Low	Low	Lead adult may wish to ask participants to bring gloves.	Lead adult - prior to the session/at each session

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Nettles	All - nettle stings	Gloves provided for all participants.  Verbal instruction and visual demonstrate given on how to safely cut and carry the nettles.	Low	Low	Long sleeves and long trousers are advised.	Lead adult - ongoing
Lack of 1 <sup>st</sup> aid provision	All - worsening injury	Lead adult trained in 1st aid and 1st aid kit taken to each session.	Low	Low		Lead adult - at each session