

High Adventure Bushcraft Risk Assessment

Last Review of this risk assessment: 01/05/2021

Minimum Leader qualification:	In house assessed or appropriate level of experience				
Max group size with Leader:	15				
All Instructors should be making dynamic risk assessments on the day taking into account the weather conditions, the group's ability & any other factors that may change.					
Any new venues must be dynamically assessed by the instructors programmed to run the session. Each new site will be assessed on its suitability for the safe running of bushcraft taking into consideration the public safety, participant safety, instructor safety and the ability to run an effective session.					
Essential equipment					
Personal: Suitable clothing for the conditions.					
Group: fire gloves, cooking equipment, tools, matches, a way of putting out a fire (EG: bucket of water, extinguisher, etc..)					
Instructor, dependant on venue: Phone, first aid kit, group shelter, torch, hot drink, emergency food, whistle, knife, spare emergency clothing for group (cannot supply for full group, must have a some basics, EG: hats, gloves, etc..)					
Activity/ Process/ Operation	What are the Hazards to Health and Safety	What Risks do they pose and to whom?	Risk Level	What precautions have been taken to reduce the risk?	Risk Level Achieved
			H/M/L		H/M/L
Setting up	Injury while collecting fire wood	All staff & participants	M	Staff training, appropriate briefing	L
	Injury while erecting tarp for shelter	All staff & participants	M	Staff training, appropriate Briefing and demonstration	L
	Accessing the venue.	All staff & participants	L	Dynamic risk assess of the area on approach, use the most appropriate and suitable choice.	L
During Activity	Burns.	All staff & participants	H	Staff training. Clear boundaries and briefing.	M
	Injury due to equipment failure.	All staff & participants	M	All equipment regularly inspected according to policies.	L
				Staff trained in inspections and procedures.	
Cuts.	All staff & participants	H	Staff training. Clear briefing on dangers and protocol of using sharp equipment. Count equipment in and out so it is all accounted for.	M	

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	Slips, trips and falls.	All staff & participants	M	Dynamic risk assessment and group briefing accordingly.	L
	Food Poisoning.	All staff & participants	M	Group brief on not to eat anything unless the instructor has checked it. Make sure all meat is cooked properly.	L
	Entrapment or injury during shelter building	All staff & participants	M	Group Briefing and correct manual handling.	L
Packing up	Fire risk.	All staff & participants	M	Staff Training and group briefing. Ensure all fires are fully extinguished.	L
	Injury during deconstructing shelters and tarp.	All staff & participants	M	Staff training, group briefing and supervision of task.	L

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