

FOREST SCHOOLS - ACTIVITIES - Henley Fort - High Ashurst - Thames Young Mariners

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General Hazards. Please see site specific General Risk Assessment	All Hazards	All Participants and Staff	Appropriately trained S.O.L.D./Forest School staff to facilitate ensuring supervision of participants. All participants to be briefed clearly on task and how to safely use any tools required to achieve the task. First Aid Kit and mobile phone available where working. Please read in conjunction with the General Use of Site Risk Assessment also.
Shelter Building	Injury from branches, leaf cuts, splinters,	All Participants and Staff	Brief by staff. Hard hats to be worn if working with anything over shoulder height. Supervised activity.
Rope Trail	Slips/trips, injury to face from branches. Splinters	All Participants	Course set out in suitable area, minimising risk. Ground rules. Supervised activity.
Fire Ball	Using matches/lighter & candles risk of burns or causing fire	All Participants	Activity brief. Use of matches/lighter under supervision. Supervised activity.
Cooking	Food allergy, burns from fire, fire spreading, poisoning.	All Participants	Briefing by Staff. Food probe used to ensure correct temperature of food. Consent forms - allergies to be notified. Management of the area. Fire Bucket and Fireproof gloves. Do not touch or eat anything unsure about. Supervised activity

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Fire Making	Burns from fire. Fire spreading.	All Participants and Staff	Trained FS/SOLD staff to brief groups on safe fire lighting techniques and safety rules of fire circle. Provide fireproof gloves for handling cook pots on fire. Fire Bucket on site as well as a burns kit and first aid kit. Fire must be supervised at all times.
Use of raised firepit	Burns from corrugated iron sheet, sharp edges, moving hot bricks, falling into fire	All Participants and Staff	Use of heat proof gloves when moving equipment. Staff trained to check for sharp edges prior to sessions. No running around and ensure there are no trip hazards. Group well supervised. Fire size appropriate to activity. Limit size of firepit.
Orienteering	Getting Lost, trips/slips/falls, face, eye and body injury from vegetation	All Participants	Safety brief by staff outlining potential dangers - uneven ground, rabbit holes, low branches etc. Warn participants about branches & stems hazards. Ensure clients with asthma or any allergic reactions are known an appropriate medication is carried.
Scrub Clearance	Scratches from brambles, eye injuries from whippy branches.	All Participants and Staff	Safety brief by staff outlining potential dangers. Warn participants about branches & stems hazards. Where appropriate clothing, covering arms and legs. PPE issued.
Equipment	Equipment failure	All Participants and Staff	Equipment maintained and checked prior to each usage by appropriately trained FS/SOLD staff. Equipment to be checked following use and accounted for. Any faulty or lost item reported immediately to Senior staff.

