

Bushcraft

Activity Area: Open Area

Minimum Staffing Level: 1 Instructor

Staff/Pupil Ratio: 1:12

Staff Qualifications: In House Trained

Maximum Number of Participants: 12

Role of Accompanying Adult: Supervisor

Hazard	Outcome/Injury	Persons at risk	Rating	Existing Controls
Uneven surfaces	Trips, falls, , grazes, bruises	Participants Instructors	3 - 3	Instructor briefing and ongoing vigilance
Lifting	Sprains, back injury	Participants Instructors	3 - 3	Participants work together to lift larger objects.
Cold and/or Wet conditions	Slips	Instructors Participants Observers	3 - 3	Instructor to check that all participants have suitable clothing prior to commencing the activity Instructors must always wear appropriate clothing.
Open fire's	Burns – skin, eye, body	Instructors Participants	3 - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prior briefing and instruction by Group Leader ▪ Demonstration to establish safe fire lighting protocols. ▪ Safe site to be chosen cleared & prepared in advance of fire lighting. ▪ Perimeter established – no running or fooling about in the area. Walk round the fire. Safe seating positions established. ▪ At all times review and maintain a safe staff to client ratio ▪ First aid kit & adequate water to hand
Smoke	Inhalation of fumes	Instructors Participants Observers	1 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When tending fire maintain safe distance ▪ Start the fire small and maintain it fit for purpose - small and efficient. ▪ No potentially toxic or hazardous materials to be disposed of using the fire e.g. plastics, gas canisters ▪ Avoid adding to fire green wood and toxic plants e.g. laburnum
Contact with hot and or sharp items -	Scalding burns and cuts	Instructors Participants Observers	3 - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use thick gloves to handle hot items e.g. Dutch Ovens, fry pans ▪ Use purpose made handles on containers containing hot liquids ▪ Adults to check tripods and billy stands for stability before use ▪ Group to be shown how to use sharp knives and axes safely, the participants are only to use them if the instructor is satisfied they will be safe.
Cooking and food preparation	Food poisoning	Instructors Participants Observers	4 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants to be briefed and trained on food and personal hygiene and use of sharps • Close adult supervision of clients whilst they are cutting and preparing food. • Use designated area for food preparation • Hand wash and hand cleanser must be available • Suitable work surfaces to be used • Dispose of food waste hygienically

WALESBY FOREST RISK ASSESSMENT

Group control / staffing ratios	Cuts	Instructors Participants Observers	3 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio of SQEP staff to students 1:8 for inexperienced students Ratio of SQEP staff to students 1:12 for experienced students Ratio of SQEP staff to challenging students 1:4 Contact details to be held by Group Leader Leader to have First Aid kit to hand
Sleep Walking	Missing person	Participants	4 - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to check medical forms. Tent doors to face away from any bodies of water
Missing young people	Missing person	Participants	4 - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a student is considered to have absented themselves, advise the school promptly. If necessary, and in consultation with the school, advise the emergency services
Hypothermia	Cold,	Instructors Participants	4 - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior Training & briefing during training course Use of suitable clothing

Key

Rating: Likelihood (1 = Very high, 2 = High, 3 = Medium, 4 = Low) - Consequence (1 = Fatal 2 = Major injury 3 = Minor Injury 4 = No injury)