

Kenelm Youth Trust Activity Risk Assessment – SURVIVAL

Hazards	Who is affected	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Control Measure	Further Risk Control Measure / Actions	Residual Risk
Catching Fire	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Unlikely	Very Harmful	Children briefed not to wear loose clothing. Long hair and draw cords etc to be tucked away. Fire blanket, extinguisher and Fire sand bucket provided at the survival site. Children briefed to “drop and roll” in the unlikely event that they catch fire! Children are briefed to remain seated through the activity and only to approach the fire when invited to do so.	Activity Leader to check fire box prior to activity and provide safety briefing. Dedicated Burns First Aid kit provided. Activity Leader/s are trained in the use of Fire Extinguishers.	Low
Burns and Scalds	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Likely	Slight Harm	Children are briefed to remain seated through the activity and only to approach the fire when invited to do so by the activity leader. Briefing and demonstration of how to “toast” marshmallows safely and testing on the back of the hand once cooled to avoid burning of the mouth. Activity Leader only to prepare hot drinks and ensure it is cool enough to drink and will not scald if spilt. Cold water tap is available at the survival sight or Discovery Centre.	Dedicated Burns First Aid kit provided. Temperature probe provided to check hot chocolate is cool enough to drink and will not scald if spilt.	Low



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Sterilisation of water for hot drinks	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Unlikely	Harmful	Activity Leader to ensure that water has boiled sufficiently to be sterilised.	Observe a “rolling boil” for at least two minutes.	Low
Climatic Injury	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Unlikely	Harmful	All group members will be suitably clothed before the activity. The weather conditions will be monitored for sudden change.	Activity Leader to be aware of forecast conditions.	Low
Minor injuries, cuts, scratches, splinters etc	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Likely	Slight Harm	Activity Leaders are First Aid trained and carry first aid kits.	Activity Leader to carry first aid kit and mobile phone.	Low
Entrapment of fingers between ropes and poles	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Likely	Slight harm	Safety briefing and demonstration Full supervision of group.		Low
Impact injury due to being struck by a pole or falling structure	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Likely	Slight Harm	Safety briefing and demonstration. Poles are carried one person at each end. Clear demonstration of square lashings to ensure that shelter/structure is tied together safely.	Full supervision of group and to stop the activity if participants are not listening to instruction.	Low



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Slips/Trips	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Likely	Slight Harm	Safety briefing and supervision to avoid tripping over poles. Ground and weather conditions to be monitored to avoid slipping.	Bark chippings may be applied when required or over winter periods	Low
Snow/Ice Frozen conditions	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff	Highly Likely in Winter months	Harmful	Dynamic risk assessment of conditions.		Low
Lightning Strike	Visiting Children, Team Leaders, Teachers and Staff Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Highly Unlikely	Harmful/Fatal	Activity Leader will be aware of the weather forecast. Use “flash to bang principle” and 30/30 rule. https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/leisure-safety/lightning The 30/30 rule provides a good way of ensuring one is sheltering during the riskiest parts of a storm. It proposes that if the lightning flash to thunderclap/bang is 30 seconds in length or less you should seek shelter.	Activity not to be run during lightning storm.	High





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