

Woodlarks Camp Site Risk assessment

Activity: Electrical Safety. Use of hand saws and axes, Log Splitter.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	Initial Risk	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Revised Risk
Use of Hand Axes and saws on Site Including; Bow saw / Hand Axe / Felling Axe Log Splitter	Users. Inappropriate use of tools Slips trips and falls. Injury from tools and injury to bystanders from inappropriate use, tool failure, and flying debris Musculoskeletal injury Injuries by trapping fingers, splinters, dropping logs.	Hand axes and saws are kept secured when not in use. Moving around site tools are transported in a safe manner with safety sheath in position. Only competent persons use axes and saws. PPE. Gloves, safety glasses, masks and suitable footwear available for use. Any tool found to be defective is removed from service for repair or disposal. Axes and saws used in safe chopping areas where possible. Users are given clear instructions in its use.	Med	All new work undertaken to be briefed by supervising authorised person. When using Bow saw, use logging horse, if possible, ensure in good condition prior to use. Any work carried out outside safe chopping area should have a safe zone established around any Axe work. Appropriate demonstration for those unfamiliar with equipment and a health and safety reminder before operating saws, axes and splitter. PPE to be worn as appropriate.	Low