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Hazard / Risk	Persons at Risk?	Initial Risk Rating	Normal Control Measures	Additional Control Measures <i>Ensure these are considered and amended before any individual activity is undertaken.</i>	Residual Risk Rating
Lifting Injury Risk of cuts and splinters. Muscular injuries.	Children & Adults	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children given guidance and taught how to safely lift, carry and transport materials. • Safety talk given with regards to size of materials used. • Use only natural materials found on the ground for frames plus string or rope. • Gloves available • Appropriate footwear and clothing to limit likelihood of tripping, slipping or becoming snagged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check understanding with individuals. • Any child behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave the fire area. 	Low
Shelter Falling Down Risk of head Injury fractures cuts and bruises	Children Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants taught appropriate building techniques. • Participants taught safe and effective knots as part of their Forest School lessons. • Safety talk given with regards to size of materials used. • Mainly use light tarpaulins to provide frame cover, Natural materials may also be used but it will not generally be sustainable on the site. • During high winds occur and shelters look unstable, they will be taken down or session will be terminated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct adult supervision if required 	Low
Ropes and string. Possibility of strangulation or choking where suspended between trees. Rope burns. Trips and falls leading to fractures, bruises or sprains.	Children Staff	Medium / Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants taught safe and effective knots as part of their Forest School lessons. • Avoid ropes across pathways. • Use rope of a bright colour to increase visibility in the woodland, or high visibility tape attached to guy ropes to ensure they are visible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of a grass fire ensure children who are most at risk from smoke inhalation are positioned away from potential smoke path. 	Low