

ASSESSMENT OF RISK FOR

**BRAESIDE
EDUCATION
CENTRE**

Assessment of:

**Survival Skills (using sharp
edge tools and cooking on fires)**

Location: Braeside / Offsite

Assessor (please print): R TABLEY

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HAZARDS	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IN NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?
List Hazards here:	List specific groups of staff / other people that are risk, e.g. visitors, young people, expectant mothers etc:	List existing control measures / systems and state how individuals at risk are notified of the control measures / systems in place:	List the risks which are not adequately controlled and the action you will take where it is reasonably practicable to do more:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp edge tools – knives, saws, secateurs, nails etc. • Heavy tools – hammers, mallet • Sticks – handmade bows & arrows • Fire – flint & steel – burns, smoke in eyes, lungs • Food contamination and poisoning • Slips and trips in woods/field • Cuts from sharp tins • Hypothermia / over heating • Splinters • Collapse of shelter – blow to head, puncture wound/impaling • Child getting lost in woods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people • Braeside staff • Visiting staff • Volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High staff : pupil ratio (min 1:8) • Training in use of tools • Close supervision of sharp tool use • “Wash” hands before eating • Cooking food thoroughly • Using food that doesn’t have to be cooked to be safe • If cooking high risk foods, measures taken to reduce contamination in line with practical food safety guidelines, e.g. washing hands, clean surfaces, use of a temp probe where appropriate • Guidance given re poisonous/risky plants in terms of handling and avoiding contact • Small knife blades, well maintained and checked before use • Staff to open tins using can openers and to place and remove tins on/off fire using pliers or gloves. • Fire extinguisher and fire bucket near fire areas – group made aware. • Fire at least 2m from bivvy, tent, shelters • Suitable clothing worn, long hair tied up, coats one up. • First aid kit on site or carried off into remote areas/woodland • Phone carried (mobile) • If residential – secure site, children to be aware of adults tent / emergency procedure at night. • No heavy ridgepoles on shelters – guide students if necessary • Verbal warning of collapsing structures. • Call signal arranged and discussed for bringing group back together. E.g.) whistle, 123 where are you? etc 	