

Activities: 3. Activities using Rope or String Risk Assessment

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: **General Welfare & Weather**
 Specific Site Woodland Assessment
 Related Activity Risk Assessments

Procedures: **Blindfold Activities**
 Tools
 Site safety

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Description of activity – activities that involve the use of rope, string, straps, or other materials that could be used to tie or loop which could cause the possibility of entanglement									
	Hazard	Harm	Persons at Risk	Existing Preventative Measures	Probability (P) 1-5	Severity (S) 1-5	Rating (P) x (S) 1-25	What measures need to be taken	By who/confirmation of understanding or completion
1	Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothermia sunburn 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General welfare and weather risk assessment completed 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to be fully equipped to deal with dangers arising from poor weather and welfare issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to check weather forecasts Check national trust website to see if the site is open
2	Woodland site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips trips falls bangs 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodland Site specific risk assessment completed 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to ensure Woodlands Risk assessment is used on site
3	Visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> trips 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope that is used to create boundaries that may cause a hazard is bright blue nylon rope is eye height so children can see it 	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other markers could be used to increase visual impact by hanging things off the rope or string 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to ensure that any rope that could cause a hazard is made of bright blue nylon so it is easily seen

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4	Rope burn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burnt hands 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves to be worn when pulling a heavy rope 	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities involving pulling rope need to be controlled by leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to ensure gloves are available and the correct safety procedures are in place
5	Entanglement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope burns cut off circulation tripping strangulation (extreme cases) 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ropes are made out of bright materials to help children to see them 	1	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities involving using ropes are supervised by the Forest School leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to carry an effective cutting blade at all times
6	Catching neck in rope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut off circulation trips strangulation (extreme cases) 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ropes are made out of bright materials 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups using ropes will avoid putting them at a height where people can walk into them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader to advise group of how to avoid putting ropes at neck height
7	Pulleys failing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items falling on people bangs 	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is checked regularly to meet specified health and safety standards 	1	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to inspect any pulleys being used and decommission a pulley if a defect is found 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The leader to check equipment before use