

BLINDFOLD ACTIVITIES RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: General Welfare & Weather

Procedures: Blindfold Activities

Specific Site Woodland Assessment

Site Safety

Related Activity Risk Assessments

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	HAZARD	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	The Group & Leaders	A General Welfare & weather risk assessment completed				The group will be fully equipped to deal with potential dangers arising from poor weather and welfare issues.	Forest School Leaders need to check weather forecasts and ensure all safety equipment is in position.
2	Woodland Site	The Group & Leaders	Woodland Site specific Risk Assessment completed				The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment.	Forest School Leaders will ensure that the woodlands Risk Assessment is used on site and aspects highlighted.
3	Tying the blindfold too tight	The Group & Leaders	Blindfolds made from soft materials.	3	2	6	The leader will explain how to put the blindfolds on carefully.	Forest School Leaders
4	Walking into a branch or tree	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Group must be made aware of the dangers and considerations of leading someone who is blindfolded.	Forest School Leaders ensures the group consider communication safety and physical contact.
5	Trip/slip	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Ensure group are told to watch out for trip/slip hazards before activity	Forest School Leaders

							commences. Explain to the group how to communicate effectively, move around safely.	
6	Cutting hand on a sharp item	The Group & Leaders		3	2	6	Explain to group to investigate items gently. Tell them there may be rough or sharp parts so to move slowly.	Forest School Leaders
7	Bending over and nagging head	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Group must be made aware of dangers of leading someone who is blindfolded (spatial awareness).	Forest School Leaders

RATING- The **probability** multiplied by the **severity** gives a figure from 1 to 25. Any hazard scoring above **12** will need to have immediate additional control measures put in place to prevent a serious incident.