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| Location: | Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre | Date of Assessment: | 4/7/14 | Last Reviewed: | November 22 CM | Name of Assessor: | Chris Murnin |
| Activity: | Bushcraft - Knives, Saws and Axes | Assessment Reference No: | 4.58 | | | Signature of Assessor: |  |

| ITEM/ HAZARD | CONTROL MEASURES |
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| Bushcraft knives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool with emphasis on always cutting away from the body. ▪ Participants are to be made aware of others around them, and must not work any closer to anyone than the length of their arm plus the length of their knife. ▪ Dedicated work area highlighted at the start. ▪ Knives must be sheathed at all times when not in use. ▪ Introduce a 'STOP' Command. ▪ Close supervision at all times.. ▪ Instructor must ensure adequate spacing between group ▪ Instructor to brief the group on the appropriate stance, either kneeling, seated (cutting off to one side) or standing. ▪ Do not move around with an unsheathed knife. ▪ Tools to be stored in a locked box and only issued when necessary and collected after use. ▪ Gloves can be used to protect the "non knife" hand. ▪ First Aid kit must be present. |
| Bow saw | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool. ▪ Glove on non-sawing hand. ▪ If the back of the blade is free from sharp burrs and edges, Place brace hand through the saw until the blade is fully embedded in the wood. ▪ Always question where will the blade go if it slips? ▪ Start sawing gently, increasing pressure once the saw has developed a groove. ▪ Ensure a safe working distance, with non participants out of the area. ▪ Blade to be covered when not in use. ▪ First Aid kit must be present. |



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| Folding saw | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear Safety Briefing and guidance on how to use the tool. ▪ Check locking mechanism is functioning prior to use ▪ Glove on non-sawing hand. ▪ QUESTION: Where will the blade go if it slips? ▪ Ensure a safe working distance, with non participants out of the area. ▪ Blade to be covered when not in use. ▪ First Aid kit must be present. |
| Axe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full instruction and close supervision provided to participants that have not used axes before. ▪ Supervision maintained for all. ▪ Axes kept sharp and handles regularly checked for cracks/damage ▪ Axe work to take place in specified area only. ▪ Maximum group size of 6. ▪ Blade to be covered when not in use. ▪ First Aid kit must be present. ▪ Bystanders remain at a safe distance outside the cutting area. |
| Transportation and storage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All knives kept sheathed / closed when not in use. ▪ Knives kept in a locked box when not in use. ▪ All saw/ axe blades kept covered when not in use. |
| Further risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participants' condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved. ▪ Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these. |

