

Bushcraft Risk Assessment

Provider: Alt Outdoors Ltd

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Assessment Date: January 2026

Review Date: January 2027 (or sooner if activities or guidance change)

Activity Scope: Outdoor, practical, educational and community-based activities

Locations: Public land and privately used land with landowner permission

Age Range: 11–18

Staffing Ratios: Flexible, typically 1:1 to 1:8 depending on activity, needs, and risk assessment

What are the significant hazards?	Who is at risk?	Control measures	I	R	Additional controls	L	I	R	Sign & Done	
Cuts from tools (knives, saws, axes)	Young people	• Qualified staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Burns from fire or hot equipment	Young people	• Qualified staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Fire spread due to wind or misuse	Young people	• Qualified staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Smoke inhalation	Young people	• Qualified staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Trips over tools or wood	Young people	• Qualified staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26

What are the significant risks?	What factors contribute to these risks?	Controlled measures	L	I	R	Additional controls	L	I	R	Sign & Done
Poor tool handling behaviour	Young people	• Staff/pupil staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Remote location communication delays	Young people	• Staff/pupil staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26
Transport of tools	Young people	• Staff/pupil staff • Dynamic risk assessment • First aid trained staff • Safeguarding policies • Appropriate PPE • Clear boundaries • Pre-session briefing	3	3	9	• Activity-specific briefing • Enhanced supervision • Adjust ratios as required • Clear emergency procedures • Ongoing monitoring	2	3	6	WG-N 08/01/26