

FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOOLS - BILLHOOK RISK ASSESSMENT

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REVIEW DATE: Dec 2024

	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RATING (NO CONTROLS)	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN AND BY WHO	RATING (WITH CONTROLS)
1	Transportation	Group & leaders	Medium	Billhook to be kept in sheath when not being used. Children to not travel when using billhook. Adult to get out and put away (FS Leader)	Low
2	Billhook slipping when using	Group & leaders	Medium	Tool to be kept sharp and useable. No gloves to be worn when using to prevent slipping. Group and adults to be taught how to use the tool correctly so that, if it slips, no contact will be made by any members of the group except the FS leader. (FS Leader)	Low
3	Billhook bouncing off wood	Group & leaders	Medium	Tool to be kept sharp and useable. No gloves to be worn when using tool. To ensure group have a full understanding on how to position the tool correctly when using to reduce the likelihood of a bounce occurring and ensuring no contact with any member of the group. (FS Leader)	Low
4	Blade snapping	Group & leaders	Medium	Regular tool maintenance to be completed by FS leader.	Low

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				Make group aware that they must report any problems with the tool immediately. FS leader will decommission tool if needed. (FS Leader)	
5	Injury	Group & leaders	Medium	Groups and adults will know how to use the tool properly. If injury occurs, first aid policy to be followed. (FS Leader)	Low

Risk benefit: Being able to use tools safely and take appropriate risks. Develop motor skills.

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

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