

# FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BUILDING SHELTERS RISK ASSESSMENT

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**DATE:** Dec 2023

**REVIEW DATE:** Dec 2024

	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RATING (NO CONTROLS)	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN AND BY WHO	RATING (WITH CONTROLS)
1	Knots slipping	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Specific knots will be taught so children know which knots are to be used for different purposes. These to be practised on a smaller scale first.</p> <p>Leaders and adults to assist groups where needed (FS leader)</p>	Low
2	Shelter collapsing	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Group advised on how and where to construct shelter.</p> <p>Adults to monitor site and materials chosen for suitability. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
3	Poking eye on shelter	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Group advised to choose materials carefully and avoid those with spikes or sharp points.</p> <p>Adults to monitor suitable material use and safely adjust where necessary. (FS leader)</p>	Low
4	Banging head on shelter	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Adults and leader to closely observe group movement and assess potentially hazardous behaviour.</p> <p>Children to be reminded of how to travel around FS site. (FS Leader)</p>	Low

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<b>5</b>	Trip hazards	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Shelter making equipment to be stored appropriately to minimise risk of trips.</p> <p>When not in use, stored away from FS site.</p> <p>FS leader to model to group what happens to equipment when not in use. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
<b>6</b>	Lifting heavy items	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Lifting techniques to be modelled to the children and give them time to practise to prevent injury. Practise with lighter items before moving onto heavier items.</p> <p>FS leader to ensure that procedures are followed by all groups and leaders.</p>	

**Risk benefit: Assessing uses for different materials, testing materials for their uses, developing motor skills.**

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