

# SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

## Risk Assessment Form - Activities



Activity Assessed: ASHDOWN FOREST SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

Date: April 2009

Activity Location: ASHDOWN FOREST

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Next Assessment Due: April 2010

Type of Hazard	Likelihood of Occurrence	Hazard Severity	Risk Factor	Action to be taken to reduce risk	New Likelihood of Occurrence	New Hazard Severity	New Risk Factor
Tripping while walking on paths and especially descending into copse	3	1	3	Warn groups of hazards and uneven path, and tell not to run. Schools advised in advance re suitable footwear. For copse, adults at top and bottom of entry slope to help	1	1	1
Rolling logs onto feet	1	1	1	verbal warning/supervision	1	1	1
Diseases from soil	1	1	1	Antibacterial hand wash/wipes available. Remind children not to put hands in mouth. Wash hands after session	1	1	1
Danger from barbed wire	1	3	3	Verbal warning	1	3	1
<b>MIRROR WALK &amp; BLINDFOLD ACTIVITIES</b>							
Tripping over obstacles	2	1	3	close supervision /check site OR do in pairs/staggered start.	2	1	2
Banging head on trees and branches, or have them swinging back into face	3	1	3	verbal warning and close supervision – tell to hold branches, not let swing into person behind	2	1	2
Education room tools upstairs	2	3	6	Keep chain up across stairs	1	3	3
<b>Sweep nets</b> - injury from	2	1	2	Verbal warning/supervision to	2	1	2

sweep nets				keep adequate space from next			
Dog mess, potential illness	3	2	6	Warn and keep eye open	2	2	4
Nettles, brambles cuts	3	1	3	Warn not to run to sides. Open cuts to be covered	2	1	2
Unacceptable behaviour	3	1	3	Teachers to know their responsibility to prevent	2	1	2
Shelters made by others – may fall down	3	2	6	Warning at start and by each activity to keep away from shelters	1	2	2
Ghyll edges - slips	2	2	4	Verbal warning re steep banks. Take care with activities nearby, esp. any that might involve moving back	1	2	2
Rope swings made by others	1	1	1	Tell not to use	1	1	1
Snake bites	1	3	3	Stay on paths (not go through heather), with adult leading to look out for snakes basking	1	3	3
Dog attack	1	2	2	Warn groups not to touch dogs; leaders encourage members of public to keep dogs away from children	1	2	2
Scissor injuries when working inside	2	1	2	Use appropriate scissors for age of child – round ended for younger. Ensure good supervision to prevent running whilst using	1	1	1
Adverse weather – heat cold rain snow	3	1	3	Brief schools to dress appropriately for weather with alternatives. If weather conditions extreme, cancel visit for that day	3	1	3

No activity may be carried out where there is an individual Risk Factor of 10 or above.

This form should be sent to: Head of Administration, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9SD