RISK ASSESSMENT WIZARD



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Safety Guide

Outdoor Activity Provider

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Key Benefits	Control Measures	Checklist Items

KEY BENEFITS

Survival Skills

Develops survival and wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire making, and foraging, essential for outdoor self-sufficiency.

Problem-Solving

Enhances problem-solving and resourcefulness by requiring individuals to utilise available materials creatively.

Environmental Awareness

Promotes environmental awareness and conservation by fostering a deeper understanding and respect for natural ecosystems.

Self-Reliance

Encourages self-reliance and independence by empowering individuals to manage and thrive in wilderness settings.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES

Tool Injuries

- ✔ Tool safety instruction before use
- ✔ Age-appropriate tools selected
- ✔ Blood bubble safe working zones maintained
- ✔ Direct supervision during tool use

Fire Hazards

- ✔ Designated fire area with cleared surroundings
- ✔ Fire safety rules clearly communicated
- ✔ Fire extinguishing equipment available
- ✔ Fires fully extinguished before leaving

Weather Exposure

- ✔ Weather forecast checked before sessions
- ✔ Shelter available or can be constructed
- ✔ Appropriate clothing and layers required
- ✔ Hydration and sun protection monitored

Wildlife & Plants

- ✔ Site survey for hazardous plants and wildlife
- ✔ First aid kit with allergy treatment
- ✔ Plant identification training provided
- ✔ Long sleeves and trousers recommended

PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST

Risk Assessment

- [ ] Complete and review risk assessment for this activity
- [ ] Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place
- [ ] Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures

Site

- [ ] Site surveyed for hazards
- [ ] Fire area prepared
- [ ] Boundaries established
- [ ] Emergency access confirmed

Equipment

- [ ] Tools inspected and sharp
- [ ] First aid kit stocked
- [ ] Fire extinguisher available
- [ ] Shelters and tarps ready

Participants

- [ ] Safety briefing completed
- [ ] Appropriate clothing worn
- [ ] Allergies and medical info collected
- [ ] Tool safety demonstrated

Conditions

- [ ] Weather forecast checked
- [ ] Fire risk level assessed
- [ ] Ground conditions suitable
- [ ] Daylight hours sufficient

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