



TOOL USE

Safety Guide

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KEY BENEFITS

Practical Skills

Develops real-world practical skills and manual dexterity.

Risk Assessment

Teaches children to assess and manage risk independently.

Confidence

Builds self-confidence through mastering challenging tasks.

Responsibility

Develops respect for equipment and personal responsibility.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Cuts & Injuries**

- ✓ Safety rules explained
- ✓ Tools matched to child's size
- ✓ Correct technique demonstrated
- ✓ Gloves provided where appropriate

Unsupervised Tools

- ✓ Tool register maintained
- ✓ One-in-one-out system
- ✓ Secure storage used
- ✓ All tools counted at end

Weather Conditions

- ✓ Dry tools before use
- ✓ Activity adjusted for conditions
- ✓ Stable ground selected
- ✓ Warm gloves for cold weather

Fatigue

- ✓ Regular breaks scheduled
- ✓ Children monitored for tiredness
- ✓ Tasks rotated
- ✓ Session length appropriate



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