

Risk Assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Woodworking / Branding Hot Iron	Date of risk assessment	21/10/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Kerri Jeffrey Dan Howcroft
		Date of next review	21/10/2026	Version	1.0

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Hazard - Hammer and nails General risk of injury through use & misuse of tools	All	Leaders will ensure that children are closely supervised during the induction period until all children have been trained in the use of the tools and comply with the rules. Leaders will then remain vigilant in watching the woodwork area. Adults all aware of how to get first aid help if necessary. Squirrels to adult woodwork ratio will be 2:1	
Hazard - Hammer Risk -Hit fingers with hammer	All	Leaders to train children to tap lightly to fix nail in place and then move hand away when they hit harder.	
Hazard - Hammer Risk - Children get hit by moving tools	All	Strict imposition of 2 children only limit with adult - Leaders will be scanning and monitoring the area at all times.	
Hazard - Wood Risk - Splinters	All	Wood will be checked. Children shown how to use sandpaper.	
Hazard - Sharp nails Risk -cause injury	All	Protruding nails will be hammered down. Children will not remove nails from work area	

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Hazard - Burns from fire , hot metal or wood	All	Close Supervision. Explain risks to scouts. Designated work and safe areas, restricted movement and numbers in "hot" area. PPE i.e. branding gloves , goggles to be worn . Bucket of water to cool hot gear quickly and any burns. access to first aid Fire extinguisher to Hand at all times	
Hazard - Blowtorch / Burns	All	Close Supervision. Explain risks to scouts. Designated work and safe areas, restricted movement and numbers in "hot" area. PPE i.e. branding gloves, goggles to be worn. Bucket of water to cool hot gear quickly and any burns. access to first aid Fire extinguisher to Hand at all times	
Review due: A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, perhaps every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.			

DOCUMENT VERSION CONTROL

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