

## Risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	DIY DIY & Construction projects undertaken by the Young People	Date of risk assessment	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Tris Cocks
		Date of next review	September 2026		

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?
<i>Hazard</i> – something that may cause harm or damage. <i>Risk</i> – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	<b>Controls</b> – 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 <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even <b>stop</b> it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Inexperience – Injury when using tools	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age appropriate tasks to be chosen for specific sections</li> <li>Remove high risk activities for younger section, i.e. Cut or drill the wood prior to the activity session</li> </ul>	
Slips, Trips & Falls	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visually inspect the area at the beginning of the activity, check for trailing leads, ropes, obstacles that could create a trip hazard</li> <li>Any spillages to be cleared up as soon as reasonably practicable.</li> <li>Covered footwear to be worn</li> </ul>	
Use of Hand Tools – Injury, Sprains (Hammers, Screwdrivers, Spanners etc.)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tools to be suitable for the age group taking part in the activity.</li> <li>Only to be used by competent users or under supervision of a competent Leader</li> <li>Correct PPE to be worn as shown by signage on the tool.</li> <li>Tools only to be used for their intended purpose</li> <li>Tools to be checked for damage prior to use. Any broken or damaged tools belonging to the Scout Group are to be quarantined and reported to the QM</li> </ul>	
Sharps – Cuts & Injury (Knives, Chisels, etc.)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age appropriate sharps to be used; i.e. safety knives or scissors for younger sections</li> <li>Leaders to ensure the same number of sharps are returned at the end of each activity i.e. count in and out.</li> <li>Participants to be seated whilst using sharps and prohibited from running with sharps</li> <li>Sharps are to be stored in a secure box when not in use</li> <li>Adults or young leaders to supervise young people when sharps are being used</li> </ul>	

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Use of Power Tools – Injury (Drills, Powered Saws etc.)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tools to be suitable for the age group taking part in the activity.</li> <li>Only to be used by competent users or under supervision of a competent Leader</li> <li>Correct PPE to be worn as shown by signage on the tool, (Glove, Safety Glasses, Ear protection etc.)</li> <li>Tools only to be used for their intended purpose</li> <li>If using extension leads, ensure they do not cause a trip hazard and any sockets are covered to protect from debris</li> <li>Other persons in the vicinity are to be warned prior to using any power tools.</li> <li>Tools to be checked for damage prior to use. Any broken or damaged tools belonging to the Scout Group are to be quarantined and reported to the QM</li> </ul>	
Paint, Glues, Solvents & Chemicals – Inhalation of chemicals	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area to be well ventilated whilst using Glue, Solvents &amp; Chemicals , consider using outside if appropriate</li> <li>Manufactures guidelines and instructions to be followed, including PPE requirements</li> <li>Leaders to brief young persons on how to correctly use the items prior to use</li> <li>Flammable glue / solvents to be stored in flammable storage locker outside of the Hut</li> <li>Adults or young leaders to supervise young people when Glue, Solvents are being used</li> <li>All substances to be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturers instructions</li> </ul>	
Electricity – Electric Shock, injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is to be electrically isolated from the mains supply or batteries prior to removing any covers.</li> <li>Projects are to be checked by a competent leader before being switched on</li> <li>Any electrical projects are to be RCD Protected</li> </ul>	
Failure of Equipment – Injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment to be checked for damage prior to use; any damaged equipment is to be reported to the QM and not used</li> <li>Equipment only to be set up by or under supervision by competent Leaders</li> </ul>	
Behaviour	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioural expectations of all persons involved in the activity to be briefed before the activity commences</li> </ul>	

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Supervision	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision of YP to be within minimum ratios as specified in POR.</li> </ul>	
First Aid	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one leader to hold a current first aid qualification and to have easy access to a first aid kit suitable for the activity.</li> </ul>	

<b>Checked by Line Manager</b>	Paul Woodward Assistant GSL 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<b>Checked by Executive</b>	Lesley Dingle Group Chair 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021
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### Version Control

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