



TOOLS RISK ASSESSMENT – LOPPERS

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	PROBABILITY (P) 1-5	SEVERITY (S) 1-5	RATING (P) X (S) 1-25	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN	BY WHO
1	Loppers transportati on	Group and Leaders	All loppers are kept in sheaths when not in use.	2	2	4	To ensure group have a full understanding on how to carry the tool correctly – tool talks and good modelling.	SEO AND MH
2	Loppers slipping when using	Group and Leaders	Tool maintenance – Kept sharp and useable.	2	4	8	To ensure the group have a full understanding on how to position the tool correctly when using it so if a slip occurs it will not make contact with any group member.	SEO AND MH
3	Loppers bouncing off	Group and Leaders	Tool maintenance – kept sharp and useable.	2	2	4	To ensure the group have a full understanding on how to position the tool correctly. Knowing the tools capacity to prevent the tool failing to cut and bounce off.	SEO AND MH
4	Loppers snapping	Group and Leaders	Regular and effective maintenance of tools.	1	3	3	The group should know that if a problem has occurred with a tool it should be reported immediately to SEO AND MH or another adult to report to SEO AND MH. SEO AND MH will decommission the tool.	SEO AND MH