



ACTIVITIES USING ROPE OR STRING RISK ASSESSMENT

Must be used in conjunction with:

- General Weather and Welfare
- Site Specific Woodland Assessment

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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	Visibility	Group & leaders	Rope (outdoor scout paracord) that is used during all activities to be bright coloured paracord increasing visibility. When not in use it will be rolled back up on the storage reels.	3	3	9	Other markers can be used to increase visual impact such as hanging bags or objects off the rope.	SEO and MH
2	Rope Burn	Group & leaders	Gloves to be worn if an activity involves pulling a heavy rope. Children will be given the Forest Schools Safety talk and reminded of the expectations before using rope in any activity. Leaders to monitor and step in when necessary under SEO and MH supervision.	2	2	4	Activities involving rope pulling will be controlled tightly by qualified staff.	SEO and MH
3	Trip	Group & leaders	Brightly coloured, high visibility ropes will always be used during rope tasks.	2	2	4	Groups will be taught the best places to position their ropes for activity with consideration of others and to avoid the likelihood of trips.	SEO and MH
4	Entanglement	Group & leaders	The use of rope follows the rope use safety procedures and groups will be monitored and supervised by qualified leaders.	1	5	5	Leader carries an effective cutting blade at all times.	SEO and MH
5	Catching neck	Group & leaders	Ropes will be made out of bright materials.	2	3	6	Groups using ropes will avoid putting them at a height where people could walk into them and hurt their neck. Children will be advised of the dangers of misusing ropes. Adults to observe	SEO and MH



			Groups will be taught to inform and show other members when they have used a rope.				carefully and intervene immediately if the group are not following advice. Leader will advise and demonstrate how to avoid having ropes at neck height.	
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