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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Den Building** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Activities** | **Date of next review** | **9th September 2026** |

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| **What hazard have you identified?**  **What are the 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?** |
| Leaders not qualified to run activity leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Designated Leader In Charge. * Planning and Preparation materials shared between all leaders. * Clear roles and responsibilities during the activity. * Risk Assessment Shared. |  |
| Young people not aware of safety rules leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Clear briefing before activity by Leader In Charge to include instructions about no running, handling ropes, and handling branches and wood. |  |
| Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Section code of conduct in place to set clear expectations of behaviour. * Explain the activity clearly using age-appropriate language. * Monitor the mood level throughout the activity. * Use a clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop as soon as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. * Have a clear location for those not participating in the activity. |  |
| Lost or abducted youg person | Young people | * Head count at start of activity and at regular intervals and at end of activity * Adults to be vigilant during activity |  |
| Risk of injury from slips, trips and falls | Young people  Leaders | * Check for natural hazards in the build area. * Make sure everyone’s wearing suitable footwear. * Assess the weather risk before and during the session. * Consider moving the activity to another area if needed. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of strains or other injuries from handling equipment | Young people  Leaders | * Ensure adult supervision and suitable briefing and management of activity. * If applicable, demonstrate safe lifting techniques using bent knees and straight back method. * Young people to only carry items that they can manage. * Young people to carry any load deemed "heavy" by a leader between 2 young people to reduce risk of musculo-skeletal injury. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of poked eyes from branches / poles | Young people  Leaders | * Remind young people to be careful with sticks and branches and to carry below waist height * Remind young people to not run in area * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of injury from collapsed dens | Young people  Leaders | * Closely supervise structures while they’re being constructed and dismantled. * Supervise young people and check they’re using the correct knots and lashings. * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * First aid if required. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * Dynamic risk assessment to be performed by all leaders in line with TSA guidelines. * Hazards to be shared with other leaders and appropriate mitigation to be actioned. |  |