

COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – TOOL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

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SAFE WORKING USE:

- Student to hold handle of saw (young children hold with both hands)
- Free hand passed through bow over back of blade to hold wood if this is comfortable
- Greenwood to be supported by 2 log supports and wood to be braced by other participants. (Alternatively, a saw horse may be used)
- Body to be positioned so that saw is drawn freely to the side of the body
- Students asked to place saw safely down before retrieving cut section of wood
- Adult to hold other end of the saw during working if group is young or inexperienced
- Participants advised to tie back dangling clothing or hair
- Glove must be worn on bracing hand



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<u>Assessed by:</u> Jeff Turner				<u>Date:</u> September 2020 <u>Next Assessment Due:</u> Sept. 2021			
Type of Hazard	Likelihood of Occurrence	Hazard Severity	Risk Factor	Action to be taken to reduce risk	New Likelihood of Occurrence	New Hazard Severity	New Risk Factor
Cutting injury from saw whilst in storage	3	2	6	Blades to be checked for wear or damage before storing. Blade guards to be checked and secured before storing. Saws to be stored within easy reach of staff	1	2	2
Cutting injury during transportation to and from site	2	2	4	Bow saws to be carried at arms-length, arm hanging down. Blade guards must be in place. On reaching site, tools to be placed on the ground so that they are clearly visible and away from general walkways	1	2	2
Injury during use of saw.	3	3	9	Group briefed with safe working use of saw, (see above) and demonstration given by responsible adult. Adult to monitor and advise on use of saw. After use, blade guard to be put back on blade and saw put back in pre-arranged safe place. Glove must be worn on bracing hand at all times	1	3	3
Injury from damaged tool	3	2	6	Saw to be examined for damage before and after use. Worn or damaged blades to be replaced	1	2	2

No activity may be carried out where there is an individual Risk Factor of 10 or above.