

COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – TOOL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

CLIPPER KNIFE

SAFE WORKING USE / POSITION:

- Use of Clipper Knife to be within a 'Safety Bubble' (blood bubble). This is a sphere of space with radius of length equal to or more than the length from the body centre to the end of the knife
- Glove to be worn on bracing hand
- All parts of the body to be kept behind the tool whilst working
- Either sit with elbows on knees, working away from the body, twist and work away from the body to the side, or kneel behind stable and flat working log, with knees behind the log
- Strokes of the knife should always be away from the body



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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 or stabbing injury from knife whilst in storage	3	4	12	Knife to have cord securely wrapped around sheath to ensure knife remains in sheath. Knives to be stored in secure box in place easy to access by staff.	1	4	4
Cutting or stabbing injury during transportation to and from site	3	4	12	Knife to have cord securely wrapped around sheath. Knives to be transported in their own box or compartment of carrying bag.	2	4	8
Cutting or stabbing injury whilst using knives during session	3	4	12	All given full instruction in the safe use of knife (see above). Knife only to be removed from sheath whilst sitting. All to be sitting within own 'safety bubble.' Hold sheath at end whilst removing knife. Always work in 'safe working position'. Glove may be worn on bracing hand but not on hand holding knife. Adults to be informed of any difficulty whilst working. All knives to be returned to group leader at end of working session. Leader counts in tools	2	4	8
Injury due to worn or damaged knife	3	3	9	Knives and handles to be checked for wear or damage at start of each session. Any damaged item to be removed from use and repaired or discarded.	1	3	3

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