

COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – TOOL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

LOPPERS

SAFE WORKING USE / POSITION:

- Always hold by handles
- Ensure that others do not place hands near to cutting edges whilst holding branches for cutting
- Only attempt to cut wood up to 2 centimetres diameter (dependent on cutting power of loppers and of user)
- If assisting young children, ensure whole body is kept away from blades and from the closing of lopper arms
- Carry with blade pointing downwards by lower arm of loppers to ensure that arms do not open
- When not in use, lay tool flat on the ground in designated space away from walking routes



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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
Injury during storage	3	2	6	Store loppers on shelf or rack easily accessible to staff	2	2	4
Cutting or stabbing injury during transportation to, from and around site.	3	2	6	Carry with blade pointing downwards by lower arm of loppers to ensure that arms do not open. When not in use, lay tool flat on the ground in designated space away from walking routes	1	2	2
Cutting injury during use of tool	2	3	6	Always hold by handles. Ensure that others do not place hands near to cutting edges whilst holding branches for cutting. Only attempt to cut wood up to 2 centimetres diameter (dependent on cutting power of loppers and of user) If assisting young children, ensure whole body is kept away from blades and from the closing of lopper arms.	1	3	3
Injury from using damaged or broken tool	2	2	4	Keep tools regularly maintained and sharpened. Any damaged tool to be repaired or discarded.	1	2	2

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