

COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – TOOL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

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SAFE WORKING USE / POSITION:



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Assessed by: Jeff Turner				Date: September 2020 Next Assessment Due: 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
Wrong identification of plants	3	5	15	Only using easily identifiable plants and checking relevant literature. Advise H & S precautions including only with responsible adult. Advise potential ID problems.	1	5	5
Dirt or faecal material on plants	3	3	9	Pick plants from dog free areas. Wash well before use.	2	3	6
Individual sensitivity to plants	3	3	9	Using well known species with a history of use. Only tasting small amount. Checking relevant literature.	1	3	3
Individual variations of substances within plants	3	3	9	Using well known species with a history of use. Only tasting small amount. Checking relevant literature.	1	3	3
Nut (or other) allergy or intolerance reaction	3	4	12	Check with parents and students prior to activity	1	4	4

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