

Risk assessment Birds and winter survival – 6/10/24

activity	Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
General Activity Hazards	Uneven terrain, slippery surfaces, natural trip hazards	Trips, slips, falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure children wear appropriate footwear. - Conduct a visual sweep of the area. - Brief children on careful walking in uneven areas.
	Proximity to water bodies (ponds, ditches, streams)	Drowning, slips near water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define out-of-bounds areas near water. - Supervise closely. - Set clear boundaries with children
	Public access to woodland	Strangers, children wandering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set clear boundaries and a safe area. - Conduct regular headcounts. - Maintain close supervision, especially near boundaries.
Adverse Weather Conditions	Rain, high winds, cold temperatures	Hypothermia, slips, falling branches, poor visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor weather forecasts and assess conditions before the event. - Postpone or cancel the event in case of high winds or extreme weather. - Ensure children wear appropriate clothing (waterproofs, warm layers). - Provide shelter in heavy rain or cold conditions.
Bird Spotting and Exploration	Sharp branches, thorns in woodland areas	Cuts, scrapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep children on designated paths. - Advise children to avoid running through undergrowth.

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	Allergies (plants, insect stings)	Allergic reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure medical and allergy information is available. - Carry appropriate medication (e.g., EpiPens) and first aid supplies.
Bird Crafting & Foraging Materials	Use of tools (scissors, craft knives)	Cuts, puncture wounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervise closely when using tools. - Provide safety instructions for proper use.
	Collecting harmful natural materials (plants, sharp rocks)	Poisoning, injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instruct children on safe foraging. - Pre-check for hazardous plants or materials.
Crafting Bird Feeders	Handling seeds, string,	Allergies, choking hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know allergy details and avoid allergens. - Supervise to prevent choking on small items.
Tree Climbing	Falling from trees	Broken bones, sprains, cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure children only climb trees that have been pre-assessed for stability and low branches. - Provide supervision while children are climbing. - Provide safety instructions to avoid dangerous branches.
Wide Games (e.g., Hide and Seek)	Children running and hiding in areas with uneven ground, bushes, trees	Trips, falls, getting lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set clear boundaries for the game. - Supervise to ensure children stay within sight or defined limits. - Use visual markers to indicate boundaries.

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			- Brief children on safe hiding locations.
Fire Pit and Folklore Stories	Fire and hot objects	Burns, fire-related injuries	- Set a safe distance from the fire (2m) - Mark boundaries around the fire pit. - Constant adult supervision. - Provide fire safety instructions.
Hot Chocolate	Hot liquids	Burns from spills	- Allow drinks to cool before giving them to children. - Ensure children are seated with hot drinks. - Have a burns kit on hand.
Lost Child	Child becomes separated from the group	Child getting lost or injured	- Maintain regular headcounts, particularly after transitions between activities.- Define boundaries clearly.- Designate a meeting point.- Alert all staff immediately and search the area.- Contact emergency services if needed.- Ensure all children are aware of the meeting point.
Emergency Procedures	Various emergency situations	Injury, illness	- Emergency meeting point: car park.- Carry first aid and burns kits.- Ensure all staff know hospital info.

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Nearest hospital : Ormskirk

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