

EVANTON COMMUNITY WOOD: RISK ASSESSMENT

Description of work/workplace:

Practical work in the wood including thinning, brashing, snedding trees and piling brash; paths maintenance including drainage; other practical tasks

Emergency telephone Numbers and Contacts:

Doctor surgery, Alness - 01349 882229; Dingwall 01349 863030; Raigmore hospital 01463 704000; Ross Memorial hospital 01349 863313

Additional

Leader will carry 1st aid kit

Hazard	Location	Who Could be Harmed	Level of Risk	Controls	New risk level	Implementation
Cuts and bruises while working	Woods, esp.among trees	Volunteers	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers are encouraged to appropriate sturdy clothes and footwear: hi-viz jackets, long sleeved jackets, boots, to wear gloves as appropriate (i.e nearly all the time) to don helmets and safety goggles when working amongst trees NB Instructions (including sheet) given to all volunteers 	Low	Leader
Other hazards while working	As above	Volunteers	Med	<u>Instruction to volunteers to:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> take up comfortable working positions be aware of keeping good distance from others or work together in pairs and communicate clearly be careful not to hit others with branches or brash take care not to get branches near your eyes (when cutting, lifting, moving and piling) use good lifting technique i.e.bending your knees 	Low	Leader
Fall	Forest / trail network	Group / leaders	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise group of potential risks Advise them to remove obstacles from working area 	Low	Leader/ all

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Falling Branches from high wind Injury caused by low branches	Forest area / trail network	Group/ leaders	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather conditions prior to each session • Safety briefing to group upon arrival • Safety check area prior to each session 	Low	Leader
Exposure / Hypothermia / Sun Burn	Forest area / trail network	Group/ leaders	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecast prior to each session • Advise group on adequate clothing • Carry additional warm clothing for group • Monitor Group and staff periodically for signs of exposure etc • Advise group to carry sun cream and water 	Low	Leader
Allergic reaction to plants / insects	Forest area	Group/ leaders	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader to ask group of any known allergies • Leaders to advise group of any dangers 	Low	Leader
Tick / insect bites / wasp stings, animal bite & Infection	Forest area	Group / leaders	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group advised to check for tick bites after every session • Check with group for any allergies to wasp stings (any epi pens carried) 	Low	Leader
Passers-by	Forest area		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure team are aware of passers-by • Put up signage as appropriate 	Low	Leader

Signed : _____

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