



ADVENTURE PIRATE

BUSHCRAFT RISK ASSESSMENT

BUSHCRAFT/SURVIVAL	Completed by: James Short – Adventure Pirate LTD
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Required Instructor Competence	• Level 2 Food Hygiene • DBS Checked • Camping endorsement • Experienced and trained at delivering bush craft, archery and survival to children • First Aid (min 16 hours) and carry in date first aid kit
Ratios	• 1:20 increased by 10 for each additional competent assistant present.

Hazard	Harm	People at risk	Measures. (new or existing)	Who is responsible?
Low Branches	Minor injuries, cuts and scratches Major eye injury	All	Brief children to avoid low branches, and boundaries.	AP Instructors
Brambles	Minor injury, cuts and scratches	All	Appropriate clothing to be worn by participants Maintain site, cut back brambles Brief ways of moving Brief participants to stay away from boundaries	AP Instructors



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Berries	Poisoned	All	Brief participants to avoid eating berries.	AP Instructors
Stings - from nettles	Minor injury - allergic reaction	All	Suitable clothing worn Avoid areas with nettles	AP Instructors
Litter - Broken glass	Minor injury	All	Rubbish bin/bag provided Instructors to ensure a recce of site is carried out prior to the party and broken glass removed.	AP Instructors
Rabbit/animal holes	Trips and falls - minor injury Disturbance of wildlife	All	Brief children where animal holes are Avoid area	AP Instructors
Uneven ground	Trips and falls - minor injury	All	Brief children on moving around site. Appropriate footwear	AP Instructors
Weather Hot days Rain Lightning Strong winds	Hypothermia/ Hyperthermia Sunburn Struck by lightning Falling debris	All	Check weather pre-activity and advise organisers on appropriate clothing for children to wear to the session Recommend children wear sun cream on hot days Cancel in cases of severe weather - Strong winds, lightning.	AP Instructors



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Animal faeces	Minor/major illness through contamination	All	Pre-party check Remove faeces Avoid area Carry gloves, bags and sanitizer Children wash hands if coming into contact with faeces.	AP Instructors
Strangers	Abduction	All	All Adult leaders DBS Checked Clearly defined boundaries High adult ratios Brief children	AP Instructors
Bushcraft area	Trips, falls,	All	Offsite Bushcraft session taking place at a different location: Instructors to complete a safety check of area before the session takes place making visual notes of any hazards. Instructor to remove any potential hazards if possible The instructor will brief hazards and how to avoid them to the group prior to the session taking place. Sessions taking place at AP HQ: Bushcraft area is created by experienced bushcraft	AP Instructors



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			instructor. Area is covered by a parachute, that is hoisted into trees and pegged and staked Seating is on logs. Logs are to be stable and on flat ground. Fire square is at the centre. Concrete slabs will be dug in, for the fire to be build on. This is to ensure fire will not spread underground. The fire square will be created using green, unseasoned logs or rocks that will not catch fire and contain fire within.	
Fire Lighting	Fire spreading out of control	All	Fire is to be contained within a fire square. Fire will not exceed knee height (the height of a waste paper bin) A fire extinguisher or water will be readily available. Fire will be extinguished on completion of session Extra care must be taken when lighting fires during sustained periods of dry weather Fires must only be lit at areas where permission has been granted.	AP Instructors
Fire Lighting	Burns	All	All participants to be briefed on fire safety. No one is allowed in the fire square Hair tied back No poking fire with sticks No throwing things on fire.	AP Instructors



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			Only wood will be burned on fire Fire will be lit by tinder, kindling and fuel. No petrol or other flammable liquids are to be used to light the fire.	
Fire Lighting session with children	Burns, fire spreading out of control	All	Children will light fires in roasting dishes. Children will only create fires to the kindling stage (small contained fires, in their roasting dishes)	AP Instructors
Cooking on fire	Burns, spills Food under cooked leading to poisoning	All	No one to enter fire square apart from the instructor. Food will be cooked on fire grills or in cast iron pots. Instructor to use clean, appropriate, long utensils to turn food. Use correct colour boards for meat, fish, vegetables and bread. Food to be tested with food thermometer before consumption. Instructors to provide briefing on food hygiene Hands must be washed regularly in hot, soapy water, or cleaned with hand sanitiser gel. Food must be brought to a safe temperature All food preparation equipment to be scrubbed in soapy water and spray with anti bacterial spray before next use.	AP Instructors
Children roasting	Burns Sharp sticks	All	Only four children allowed around the fire to cook at any one time	AP Instructors



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marshmallows			Children given sticks that are long enough to reach the fire without entering the fire pit. Sticks are green or wet, so they don't catch fire Children to watch demonstration and given safety brief before cooking their marshmallow. No waving or moving around with a cooked marshmallow. Instructors will sandwich marshmallow between biscuits and take stick of child.	
Knife work	Cuts, stabbing, theft	All	Knives stored in lockable box. Children, parents and staff given safety brief before any knife work takes place Brief blood bubble Brief triangle of death Cut away from self Knives to be replaced in sheaths when not in use No leaving knives on ground Knives counted in and out. Knives to be maintained and sharpened by competent person	AP Instructors
Dens/shelters using debris	Crushing	All	Dens/shelters are built with good integrity under the watchful eye of instructors Children are briefed to no climb on or push over Dens/shelters	AP Instructors



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Dens	Fire hazard	All	No smoking on site Cooking takes place a minimum of 5 metres away from Dens/shelters Fire extinguisher available	AP Instructors
Tarpaulins	Ripping Tears Damage to trees	All	Tarpaulins are erected above head height Tarpaulins are erected without over tensioning Wear ropes are tied around trees, trees guards/rope protectors must be used.	AP Instructors
Damage and vandalism to site/equipment by trespassers	Haybales catching fire Bottles, cans and drug paraphernalia left behind Camp used by trespassers	All equipment and site	Signs erected to inform public that the site is private. Instructors check camp before use for damage and litter. Dangerous items removed. Can tarp be lowered on completion of activities to cover camp area.	AP Instructors
Food Preparation and serving				
Undercooked food	Poisoning and minor/major illnesses	All	Hotdogs are cooked in accordance with manufacturers instructions and brought up to the correct temperature.	AP Instructors
Cross contamination	Poisoning and minor/major	All	All participants to wash hands prior to eating anything,	AP Instructors



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	illnesses		Children cleanse hands using anti bacterial hand sanitiser after washing hands Leaders will wash hands and use antibacterial sanitiser. Leaders to wear blue gloves when preparing and serving food All pots, cups are cleaned and dried on completion of activity	
Hot water Hot food	Burns and scolds	All	Cooking takes place away from children on a separate table Hotdogs to be served cooled down Hotdog water is to be cooled down and taken off site. Do not pour away on site	AP Instructors
Litter	Unightly	All	All rubbish is collected, placed in bin and removed from site on completion activity	AP Instructors

Fire evacuation procedure:

Brief all participants at start of activity on fire evacuation procedure.

Establish a fire muster point.

If a fire occurs, the lead instructor will take charge of group and get participants to designated muster point as quickly and safely as possible.

Head Count



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Call for help - 999.

Call Event coordinator to inform

Major First Aid Procedure:

Call 999 for help

Instructor in charge starts first aid on casualty

One assistant removes other participants from scene

One assistant directs ambulance to casualty

Event organiser informed of incident

Emergency telephone number: 07920162549

Emergency services: 999/221

Nearest A&E: Poole General Hospital

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