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| **People involved and location**  (Group, Section, Location) |  | **Date RA is first adopted for group or unit use or updated locally** |  | **Name of person adapting RA for local use** |  |
| **Relevant Factsheet(s)** |  |

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| **Hazard Identified? /**  **Risks from it?** | **Who is at risk?** | **How are the risks / hazards already controlled at the moment?**  **What extra controls are needed for your circumstances?**  **(Your adults and young leaders need to understand these)** | **Since you noted the controls, what has changed (before starting or during the activity, or with hindsight) that needs to be thought about and controlled?**  **(If anything changes, does it make a difference to your controls?)** |
| ***Hazard*** *– something that may cause harm or damage.*  ***Risk*** *– the chance and consequences of it happening.* | *Young people,*  *Leaders,*  *Visitors?* | ***Controls*** *– Ways of making the activity safer by removing the hazard or reducing the likelihood of it happening, or by reducing the consequences from it if something does go wrong*  *For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.* | *Keep* ***checking*** *throughout the activity in case you need to add controls, change the activity…or even* ***stop*** *it!*  *This is the place to add comments which will be considered as part of any review.*  *If there’s no space, add new controls or hazards below or on a separate sheet.* |
| Hazard - incorrect use of equipment  Risk - injury/death | All | Use a tool of a size and weight that is suited to the job and the young persons level of ability.  Safety briefing on use of equipment given before being allowed to saw or chop  Leader to supervise as appropriate |  |
| Hazard - clothing/hair  Risk - injury/death | All | Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, avoiding scarves, lanyards or any loose items that could be snared.  Boots should be worn rather than trainers.  Tie long hair back. |  |
| Hazard - damaged tools  Risk - injury/death | All | Inspect tools before use.  Check for damage and ensure that the parts are aligned and held together securely.  Never use a blunt axe or saw, which is likely to slip or bounce on impact. |  |
| Hazard - being hit by axe/saw  Risk - injury/death | All | Mark out a clear chopping area, situated close to the fire area but separated from it by a woodpile.  The chopping area must be free of obstructions and trip hazards, and at least three axe lengths in radius  (ie an outstretched arm and the length of three axes). Place the chopping block in the centre.  Axes should only be used in this area, which should be clearly marked and enforced as a ‘no go’ zone for anyone who is not properly trained or clothed. Suitable area cordoned off/roped  Numbers restricted in sawing/chopping area  Leader supervision as appropriate |  |
| Hazard - horseplay  Risk - injury/death | All | Leader supervision as appropriate. Activity to stop if young person will not obey safety guidelines |  |
| Hazard - unauthorised use of equipment  Risk - injury/death | All | Keep axes and saws dry, and never leave them out overnight. Keep them in a stores tent/Cupboard in a locked box |  |
| Hazard - axes/saws not in use  Risk - injury/death | All | Fit masks or sheaths to axe heads and saw blades, which should fit securely.  Do not plant the head in the ground. An axe can be masked temporarily in the chopping block but make sure that the blade is securely wedged in the grain of the wood and that the shaft does not pose a trip hazard. Saws are usually supplied with plastic clip-on masks that fit over the blade.  Do not leave equipment on the ground as a trip hazard |  |

### Remember to share the controls with adults and young leaders helping with the activity

Leader in Charge acknowledges that …

I have reviewed this Risk Assessment and am satisfied that the controls contained are applicable to the activity I am undertaking.

In adopting this risk assessment, I accept responsibility for the Risk Assessment, the safe conduct of this activity and those affected by the activity.