**1st ELGIN SCOUTS**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR WOODLAND ACTIVITY SITE**

**NAME OF DISTRICT/GROUP:** 1st Elgin Scouts

**NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** Andre Govier

**DATE OF RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** 07/01/2025

The aim of this risk assessment is to provide general information on the type of hazards adults and young members (as well as others who may be involved) are exposed to.

The list given is by no means an exhaustive one. Hazards which are not listed but are specific to your visit should be recorded on the blank assessment form



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| **Hazard** | **Risks** | **LEVEL** | **Control Measures** | **LEVEL** |
| Weather | Hypothermia/ Exposure/ Sunburn/ Heat Stroke  | M | Ensure children are appropriately dressed for the weather.If conditions are really poor cancel activity. Sheltered areas provided from rain.Fire pits to be used for warmth. Sun cream to be applied Scouts reminded to drink water. | L |
| Roots/uneven steps/sticks, wet, terrain | Slips/trips/ injury to self. | H | Safety brief at the beginning of the evening children. Any hazard that can be removed done so.  | L |
| Burn | Drowning/Unsafe water/hidden hazards | M | Scouts told to avoid going in the burn.Brief at the start of evening. | L |
| Plants/Mushrooms/Nettles | Stings, illness  | M | Scouts brief not to eat or touch anything without first discussing with a Leader. Also advised that plants may sting/cut so to avoid if possible | L |
| Sticks/Branches falling or Scouts playing with them | Injury to selfSplinters | M | Any dangerous loose branches removed. Scouts briefed about being safe with sticks etc Only lift what can carryNo hitting | L |
| Tree Climbing | Falling/Injury to self | H | Scouts to be brief about tree climbing. Height Restriction put on how high they can climb  | L |
| Equipment/Tyres/Pallets | Injury to Self/others | M | Equipment Checked anything damaged removed. Scouts brief about safety at start of activities. | L |
| Scouts running away | Lost  | L | Gates closed when using area  | L |
| Axe, Saw, Knifes | Injury to self/others | M | Scouts Trained on using tools. Any Broken tools retired Supervision when using tools by a leaderTo be stored safely in sheath or within toolboxDesignated cutting area for using tools  | L |
| Ropes  | Injury to self/others | M | Safety Brief by Leader – rope burn, not to wrap around each other | L |
| Access by General Public/dogs | Child Protection | L | Gates closed and no access to site for general public | L |
| Fires | Burns/Scalds  | M | Fires only lit in designated areasWater available for burns/Scalds Water available to control firesScouts briefed on fire safety by leader | L |
| Insect bites | Tic bites/insect bites/stings | M | Brief about possible animal/insect bitesScouts to be reminded to check for tics when they get homeInformation on checking for Lymes symptoms shared with parents through website & parent forums  | L |
| Injury/Cuts | Cuts form moving round woodland etc | M | First Aider available First Aid kit to be taken to woodland  | L |
| Stagnant Water in Tyres or Burn | Illness | M | Scouts to be brief not to drink waterHand washing/sanitizing advised after event  | L |
| Litter/Glass etc | Injury to self/others | M | Leaders to conduct a quick walk of the site to before activities start. Any litter to be removed after activities also | L |