

Tree Climbing risk assessment

Routine risk management protocols

- All members of Tyggwhistle staff have received first aid training.
- A fully stocked First Aid kit is maintained on site and transported into woodland during sessions.
- The ratio of children to one adult is never more than 6, for children under 8, or 10 for children over 8 years old.
- A laminated emergency procedure card is carried by all staff and posted on the wall of the indoor classroom.

Description of the Activity

Tree climbing, both free and supported.

Benefits

- Students learn to evaluate the strength and weight bearing capacity of branches.
- Students gain knowledge and pleasure from seeing the world from a different perspective.
- Students develop patience and persistence.
- Students build their risk management skills.
- Students gain a sense of achievement from the activity.

Risk Measurement guidance

Likelihood x severity

Likelihood

- 1. Only in extraordinary conditions
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Occasionally
- 4. Often
- 5. Every time activity is undertaken

Severity

- 1. Reassurance but no intervention
- 2. First aid required on site
- 3. Non-emergency hospital visit
- 4. Emergency hospitalisation
- 5. Fatality

Responses to risk Score Response 1-5 Acceptable risk 5-12 Acceptable risk with increased supervision and mitigation 12+ Unacceptable risk and should not be carried out without extensive mitigation

	Group	Risk assessment		nt	
Hazard	at risk	likelihood	severity	risk	Activity specific control measures
A participant sustains scratches from tree branches	All	5	1	5	Maximum climb heights are limited and clearly defined.
A participant falls from a tree.	All	2	5	10	Tyggwhistle staff supervise users at all times.
					Climbs are carried out on designated trees.
					Trees are surveyed for suitability prior to the activity.
					 Climbers are matched to a tree according to experience and ability.