## Tree Climbing risk assessment



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## Tyggwhistle

## 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 |  |
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| Score | Response |
| $1-5$ | Acceptable risk |
| $5-12$ | Acceptable risk with increased <br> supervision and mitigation |
| $12+$ | Unacceptable risk and should not <br> be carried out without extensive <br> mitigation |


| Hazard | Group at risk | Risk assessment |  |  | Activity specific control measures |
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|  |  | likelihood | severity | risk |  |
| 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. |
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