



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre
Pioneering Poles



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Hazard / Risk	Outcome / Injury	Persons at risk	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Adequate	Remaining Risk
Equipment	Physical injury, cuts, grazes, bruises	All	L	All equipment is visually inspected on a quarterly basis for evidence of protruding / damaged parts splintering of the wood, etc.	Y	L
			L	Leader in charge to visually inspect equipment before use for evidence of damage If damage is found equipment not to be used and reported to duty warden	Y	L
Slips, trips and falls	Physical injury, cuts, sprains and breaks	All	L	Leaders shall be conversant with the equipment and supervise the activity at all times. All participants to receive safety briefing including correct use of equipment. First Aider present on site at all times.	Y	L
Falling from height Supervised/Unsupervised climbing on structure and collapse of structure.	Physical injury,	All	L	Supervision at all times Leader only allows on structure if considered stable and secure.	Y	L



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Tying knots, manoeuvring equipment	Physical injury, Trapped toes, fingers	All	M	Encouraged to tie back long hair, remove neckerchiefs and jewellery Instruct to keep fingers out of knots and from between spars. Insure plenty of people to lift poles into position	Y	L
Carrying poles	Physical injury, Back injury	All	M	Instruction on lifting. Two persons to carry pole one at each end. Structure built near / at site of use. Equipment not to be used if it becomes to slippery	Y	L
Lifting/moving structure Adverse weather	Physical injury,	All	L	Leader to assess if activity should take place. In the event of a thunderstorm see note below *	Y	L

* If it takes less than 30 seconds to hear thunder after seeing the flash, lightning is near enough to pose a threat: after the storm ends, wait 30 minutes before resuming outdoor activities.