

Name of activity, event, and location	Joinery/Woodwork	Date of risk assessment	17/05/23	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	South Cheshire Joinery Unit 1 Cockshades Farm, Stock Lane, Wybunbury, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 7HA	Date of next review	16/05/24, or earlier as appropriate		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</p> <p>The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk.</p> <p>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</p>
Behaviour - Risk of over excitement	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards. Stress the importance of being responsible when using sharp tools. STOP the activity immediately if behaviour is unsuitable. 	
Emergency aid	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure a qualified first aider is present throughout the activity. Make sure a first aid kit is on site during the activity. 	
Impact with tool / Tripping in woodwork area	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work will be carried out in observable area. Monitored at all times by staff members and leaders (either in general vicinity or close proximity) Ensure that the floor is clear of obstacles that could cause tripping. Limit number of Scouts working on benches at any one time. 	

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Appropriate clothing – risk of loose clothing getting caught in machinery	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts will be instructed to wear appropriate clothing (nothing baggy), and appropriate footwear, i.e. proper shoes/boots. No neckers will be worn, or they will be tucked away if they are, avoiding risk of them dangling into machinery. 	
Spliters – risk of infection	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid working with very splintery wood Workshop staff to sand very rough edges, if necessary, first before Scouts use wood Scouts to initially sand any rough edges, or sand after sawing if rough 	
Machinery - risk serious and possibly fatal cut injuries following contact with moving parts of machinery, particularly saw blades	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All machines guarded according to manufacturers' instructions. Guards inspected regularly and maintained as necessary to ensure their good condition. Vast majority of wood will be pre-cut by workshop staff. For any small bits requiring cutting, sufficient space at machines to work safely will be available. Scouts will be supervised and monitored closely by workshop manager to ensure guards always used and all procedures are being carried out in a safe manner. 	
Tools – general risks	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruction on how to use tools safely will be given by workshop staff Walk when transporting tools and hold by side All Equipment to remain in woodwork area Misuse of tools will not be accepted – Scouts to be excluded if behaviour is not appropriate 	

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Dust – risk of inhaling of dust in eyes	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any significant amounts of cutting/sanding will have been done in advance by workshop staff, or will be done in dedicated area with professional ventilation. Eye protection – goggles will be worn if lot of dust in the air, and Scouts will step outside. 	
Noise – risk that Scouts/Leaders and others may suffer temporary or permanent hearing damage from exposure to noise from woodworking machinery	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise enclosures used if any high-volume task is being carried out with the Scouts, and these these to be maintained and in good condition. Low-noise tooling used where possible. If appropriate, suitable hearing protectors provided for Scouts/Leaders/others and staff with training given how to use them correctly. Workshop staff are trained in risks of noise exposure. Workshop staff trained in systems of work to reduce noise exposure 	

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