

Activity Risk Assessment: - Hedge Laying Risk Assessment

Carlton Lodge recognises that using a suitably trained / qualified instructor will vastly reduce the inherent risks of the activity. Therefore all Carlton Lodge Activities will be led by suitably trained / qualified instructors.

No	Hazard	Who it effects	Unmanaged Risk	Control Measures	Managed risk
1	Cut by thorns	Everyone	High	Gardening gloves/ Leather gauntlets, protective goggles, verbally warn group to be careful of thorns. Wear long sleeves and trousers.	Low
2	Damaged Back	Everyone	Moderate	Correct Handling procedures. Ask for assistance – 2 people to manipulate and carry branches.	Low
3	Cuts from saws	Everyone	High	Instructor to demonstrate how to correctly use the saws. Wear protective Gloves	Low
4	Other students	Everyone	High	Awareness of others and surroundings. Check before moving/carrying.	Low
5	Branches in eyes	Everyone	High	Wear eye protection. Push branches away from self and others.	Low
6	Thorn through shoe	Everyone	Medium	Wear Boots or thick soled wellies not trainers.	Low
7	Infection from Hawthorn	Everyone	Low	Inform group to shower after activity and thoroughly wash any cuts or scratches. Monitor in case infection develops and seek medical advice.	Low
8	Hypo/ Hyperthermia Dehydration	Everyone	Medium	Make sure group are appropriately clothed for the weather. Monitor group, make water available on request, be prepared to stop and have a break if needed.	Low

				<p>Allergic Reactions</p> <p>Not only can a scratch or puncture wound from a thorn cause pain, some people can be allergic to hawthorn thorns. Those who are allergic may have intense pain that lasts for several days and swelling around the injury. Antihistamines can help with allergic reactions, but if the injury does not improve within a few days, a doctor should be consulted.</p> <p>Bacterial Infections</p> <p>Plant pathogens on the thorn have also caused infections in those with hawthorn puncture wounds. In one case, a child developed septic arthritis due to the bacteria <i>Curtobacterium</i> after being punctured by a coxspur hawthorn thorn. Another child was infected with the bacteria <i>Pantoea agglomerans</i> and <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> after injury from a thorn that lodged under her skin.</p>	
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