



RISK ASSESSMENT – Potato Peelers



Low risk – a minor injury e.g. scratch or bruise

Medium risk – significant loss/damage or injury such as broken bones (requires hospital trip)

High risk – extensive loss, multiple injuries or death

Location/Activity:	Stoneydelph Forest School	Date:	January 2025
FS Leader:	Miss Sarah Kidner	Review date:	January 2026

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Risk	Potential level of risk:	Control measures and who is responsible for actions	Level of risk after control	Risk benefit
Correct use of Peelers	Adults/ children	Cuts, slicing, lacerations, bruises	Medium	Tool checked to be in good working order by FSL before use Check area before using the Peelers FSL - Tool talk and safe working distance 1.5m Use to peel wood freshly cut timber e.g. hazel or willow Cut away from hand and body - sit on a chair/log with legs together and work to the side of your legs. When not in use place peeler on the floor.	Low	Learners will understand the correct purpose and method on how to safely use and handle a Peeler. Managing their own risks and make safer choices for themselves and others.
Handling Peelers	Adults/ children	Cuts, slicing, lacerations, bruises	Medium	FSL- Tool talk and safe working distance 1.5m. Ratio - adult to child 1:3 lower at FSL discretion. Qualified First aider and fully stocked first aid kit. Don't touch the blade Use of glove at FS leaders discretions (non – tool hand) No passing of the Peelers.	Low	Use of the Peeler will enable the learners to produce woodland craft, and give them ownership when peeling small green sticks.
Carrying Peelers	FSL	slips, trips , falls, cuts, grazes, abrasions, bruises	Medium	Peelers will ONLY be carried by the FSL in a secure container. FSL to count in and out the Peelers Stored correctly in a secure shed/container. Be aware of surrounding to avoid any slip, trips or falls	Low	

Cleaning and Storing Peelers	FSL	Cuts, slicing, grazes, lacerations, bruises	Medium	FSL to collect the Peelers Inspect for wear and tear. Store Peelers into a secure tool container. Store container into a secure shed/container. Clean Peelers after every use. Using a small brush.	Low	Learners will develop their fine motor skills.
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