

Viking Longhouse/Bushcraft (VLH NOT IN USE BECAUSE OF ROOF AUG 2020)



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Minimum Leader Qualification	In house assessed	Minimum Assistant Qualification	Responsible Adult
Group ratio	1 to 12	Max group size with Assistant	

Leaders should complete an In-house induction to the site.

Relevant First Aid must be kept up to date.

Hazards	Who's at Risk	Control measures	Risk (minimal, manageable, unacceptable)
Campfire Burns	Staff & Participants	Participants should be an appropriate distance from the fire Discuss dangers of and safety precautions to be adhered to around fire with Group Ensure that the participants remain seated and that movement around the fire is restricted Take care that the fire does not become unmanageable Ensure that the fire remains inside the fire pit	Manageable
Smoke inhalation	Staff & Participants	Group to sit below the smoke line. Members of the group with respiratory problems i.e. Asthma, should be monitored. Dry wood to be use to reduce smoke Doors should be kept closed to allow chimney to draw smoke levels up	Manageable
Trip hazards	Staff & Participants	Tidy house policy Bags, coats, wood, cooking utensils etc should be kept off the floor where possible or at the edges of the house, away from the fire pit area Participants to be made aware of trip hazards	Minimal
Food poisoning	Staff & Participants	Ensure that all Staff and Participants have washed their hands before the preparation of any food and that food is completely cooked before eating it.	Minimal
Injury & Illness	Staff & Participants	Group leaders to hold up to date first aid qualification and have access to first aid equipment Personal medication to be carried by Participants. Group aware of forms of communications and emergency procedures	Manageable
Insect bites	Staff & Participants	When necessary, all participants to carry midge repellent, bite treatment and to keep covered up.	Manageable
Axes	Staff	Wood chopping should be done as part of an organised session and overseen by an Instructor at all times. Axes should remain in contact with the wood (i.e. not be swung) and should be used in conjunction with a mallet. Levels of supervision will vary depending on age and knowledge of the groups (i.e. younger or less experienced/trustworthy will require greater supervision) Care must be taken to ensure that limbs are kept clear from the axe blade and the wood being chopped. Ensure you have plenty of space around you when doing chopping. The axes should be stored in a safe and secure place when not in use.	Manageable

Knives	Staff & Participants	If using knives, either in the preparation of food or whittling, Staff should exercise safe practice and ensure that Participants are educated and monitored in the proper ways to hold and use knives. Use of knives must be supervised and knives should be stored in a safe and secure place.	Manageable
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Essential equipment

Personal – warm clothing and appropriate footwear

Group – Food/drinks

Leader – Basic first aid kit, phone, torch