

Scouting risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	BiTs	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Vicki Gage	Risk assessment for :	Rope, String and Wool
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Hazard Identified? / 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?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Choking from rope, string or wool getting caught around windpipe.	Young people	Remind children not to place rope, string or wool around necks. Have a supply of scissors around room, between leaders, so that they are able to cut through any rope, string or wool, which becomes caught around neck.	
Being cut by rope being whipped across string.	Young people	Make sure that Young People do not have a chance to whip each other. If Young People are seen whipping each other then remind of Code of Conduct; if needed remove use of rope, string or wool.	
Being burnt.	All	Make sure that everyone does not pull on rope, such as tug of war, unless correct rope or gloves are used. When fixing the end of a rope, only adults, or Scouts with supervision are given the task.	
Restricting blood supply	Young People	Make sure that children do not tightly wrap rope, string or wool around fingers or other body parts too much.	
Cutting wool, rope and string	All	See scissors risk assessment. Use of knives to cut rope, wool or string to be restricted to leaders.	

Review: This needs to be taken out yearly, or if the need exists as a new risk occurs or the measures put in place have not been enough to stop an incident happening.

Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date	Checked by Executive	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety