

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 :	Scissors
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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.
Chance of cutting skin.	Young people, Leaders,	Remind children not to cut themselves with scissors. Adult to monitor use of scissors with the children, especially Beavers, and those with additional needs.	
Accidents whilst moving scissors around.	Young people, Leaders,	Remind children about how to hold scissors whilst moving around. As much as possible scissors are moved whilst still in containers.	
Accidents happening due to misuse and faults.	Young people, Leaders,	Remind children that scissors should only be used to cut paper, cloth, thin card. Adults to use larger scissors or craft knives to cut the thicker materials. Scissors to be kept sharp enough for use. Broken scissors to be discarded correctly to make sure only working scissors are being used.	
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