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Strathkinness Community Trust Wood Fuel Group and Woodland Management

Generic Risk Assessment

Personnel and individuals covered by this Risk Assessment Strathkinness Community Trust (SCT) Trustees and volunteers

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Community Trust wood fuel	Members of the trust	Objectives of the task to be	All members of the	SCT		
days	and members of the	performed should be clearly defined	working party must be	Volunteers		
And woodland	public may sustain a	to participants and a scope of work	advised on the day of			
management days	range of musculoskeletal	agreed between SCT trust members	the task to be carried			
days	injuries, cuts and bruises	and volunteers	out and their role within			
	and other injuries if		the planned scope of			
	participants are not fully		work.			
	aware of the work to be		Participants should be			
	carried out		suitably equipped and			
			made aware of the risks			
			involved in the work.			
			Where volunteers are			
			not familiar with the			
			task, they should be			
			assessed for suitability			
			and advised how to			
			carry out that task.			
			A separate dynamic risk			
			assessment should be			

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			undertaken for any			
			activity outside the			
			scope of this risk			
Children			assessment			
Children and Young People:	Children and members of	Children accompanying	Formal requests by	School		
	school or play school	volunteers must be supervised	groups to use Bishops	groups and		
Specific risks to young people	groups who may receive	at all times and not allowed to	Wood for educational or	SCT		
through lack of	cuts and bruises	attempt woodland tasks which	recreational purposes			
adequate	musculoskeletal injuries,	are outside their scope of	should be submitted to			
supervision	infections and other	capability. Children are not	Elmwood college via			
	injuries Possibly leading	allowed to be involved in any	Strathkinness			
	to death and disability	aspect of the wood fuel group	Community Trust and a			
	through lack of adequate	activity.	risk assessment carried			
	supervision	Formal school groups or play	out defining the			
		school groups are to be	purpose of the visit			
		supervised by competent staff				
		in the ratio defined by the local				
F:		authority				
Fire: There is a risk	Volunteers and members	Lighting of fires within the				
from	of the public may be	wood is strictly forbidden				
uncontrolled fires which is	harmed due to burns	unless a formal application				
heightened in	and inhalation of smoke	including a risk assessment has				
dry weather		been submitted to Elmwood				
		college via SCT prior to the				
		activity. Any group receiving				
		permission for lighting a fire				

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Traffic: Walking alongside roadways and working on trees or woodland management tasks in proximity to roads and car parks		must have read and be familiar with the Magus Muir Fire Management Plan • High visibility clothing to be worn at all times when undertaking tree felling and woodland management tasks in close proximity to the road or carpark. • Volunteers should be aware at all times of the likely presence of vehicles in car parks. • If working at car park sites, or at sites close to roads, areas should be cordoned off as necessary. • Competent professional contractors should be used If felling trees near minor roads and	New volunteers to be made aware of safety conditions for taking on activities within the boundary of the carpark or roadside	_	· ·	
		 Relevant highways agency should be contacted to manage traffic Volunteers should park cars in safe manner and location, where it is safe to exit and 				

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Terrain: Accessing sites and working on slippery, loose and uneven surfaces	Volunteers and Members of the public Falling/tripping/slipping, leading to fractures, spinal damage, sprains and head injuries	load and unload tools and equipment. • Volunteers to be provided with advice regarding terrain and surfaces. Volunteers to wear suitable footwear If felling trees. Volunteers to be advised of emergency access points and provide a dynamic risk assessments of site on the day before commencing the activity • Ensure the site is clear of any hazards and that sure footing is obtained before commencing work. Tree felling should not be undertaken in wet conditions, as ground will be slippery underfoot. If felling trees or carrying out logging duties close to foot paths, volunteers must provide marshals to	Working site and access to be assessed prior to activity and any hazards removed.	SCT wood fuel group members		

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Experience and training: Lack of relevant training and experience to undertake wood fuel and woodland management activities	Volunteers and Members of the public Heightened risk of accident. Also higher levels of stress and anxiety, leading to serious illness, injury and death	 Where applicable, Volunteers should receive relevant training and experience to be able to undertake woodland management activities confidently and with the knowledge required. Volunteers should have training to use the types of tools required for the activity Only those volunteers who have specialist training and formal certification should operate or use mechanized machinery such as Strimmers and chainsaws etc. Volunteers undertaking woodland management 	necessary	SCT wood fuel group members	when?	
		 activities must be provided with adequate time and resources to prepare for task. Volunteers should receive induction advice when joining 				

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	1	the Wood Fuel Group Trained first aiders complete with first aid kit to be on location during the performance of all woodland activities. • Volunteers should not exceed their capabilities and should ask for assistance if required. Volunteers should comply with manual handling guidance. • Lifting and carrying equipment should be made available to volunteers and training provided where necessary. Where possible heavier loads spilt into lighter loads. Timber should be cut into small sections, these should be manageable so can be easily lifted.				Done?
		 be easily lifted. The activity should be planned in advance and where necessary a manual handling 				

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		carried out. Volunteers to advise the committee team of any preexisting medical condition, which may affect their ability to carry out manual handling activities safely. Footwear should be suitable for woodland management tasks so as not to contribute to slip, trip or falls Tasks should be rotated and regular breaks taken so volunteers are not carrying out manual handling activities for prolonged periods. Safety talk should be given to volunteers prior to undertaking woodland management activities.				
Use of Mechanised vehicles and trailers	Volunteers and Members of the public Crushing and Musculoskeletal injuries, leading to chronic pain	Tractor and trailer unit to be operated only by the owner All movement of the tractor and trailer unit within the woodland should be accompanied by a				

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	and physiological disorders.	Marshall Loading of the trailer should be controlled to ensure safe and stable load. Children not to ride on the trailer at any time				
Weather: Exposure to Heat or Cold	SCT Volunteers should be aware of increased risk of conditions such as hyperthermia or hypothermia due to extremes of temperature	Volunteer leader to check weather forecast to assess suitability of the weather prior to planning any activity. Volunteers to be advised of increased risk Activity to be postponed in periods of severe weather	Weather conditions to be assessed on the day of work to ensure it is safe for the panned work to go ahead			
Exposure to heavy rain or high winds	SCT Volunteers have an Increased risk of Hypothermia and slips trips or falls in wet conditions. Increased risk of injury from falling trees or branches and trees	Volunteers to be advised of increased risk Activity to be postponed in periods of severe weather	Weather conditions to be assessed on the day of work to ensure it is safe for the panned work to go ahead	SCT wood fuel group members		

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Vegetation:	Head/eye injuries,	Volunteers should assess site prior	An on-the-day dynamic	Action by	Action by	Done?
	leading to possibility of	to undertaking woodland	risk assessment must be	whom?	when?	
Loose and	brain injury and loss of	management activities and use	carried out on the site of	SCT wood		
overhanging	sight	dynamic risk assessing throughout	any planned scrub	fuel group		
branches,		the activity, taking care and	clearing	members		
scrub clearing		avoiding overhanging branches.				
and vegetation		If scrub clearing operations are				
		undertaken, ensure that Strimmer				
		operators wear appropriate eye and				
		face protection, to guard against				
		potential fecal remains being in the				
		grass.				
Tree Felling	Head/eye injuries,	Operators of chainsaws must be	An on-the-day dynamic	SCT wood		
and Branch	leading to possibility of	certified to the level of compliance	risk assessment must be	fuel group		
reductions	brain injury and loss of	required by the planned job and	carried out on the site of	members		
Trees and	sight	must wear compliant safety	any planned tree felling			
branches:		personal protective equipment.				

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Over hanging		Volunteers working under trees.				
branches		should assess site for hung up trees				
loose/broken		and branches before activities are				
limbs		undertaken, altering operations if				
		required.				
		Marshalls should be appointed to				
		control pedestrian access to areas				
		under planned area of work.				
		A safety zone should be set up				
		around the felling site with				
		marshalls and signage utilized to				
		maintain zone.				
		Eye protection should be considered				
		for the group dependent on the				
		nature and risks of work being				
		undertaken.				
		Volunteers should be at a minimum				
		distance of 2 x tree lengths away				
		prior to tree felling operations.				
		If overhead cables are present an				
		individual site task based risk				
		assessment must be undertaken.				
	S	Safety talk should be given to				
		volunteers prior to task.				

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Electricity:	Electrocution leading to	Prior to commencing operations,				
	disability and death	the worksite must be checked by				
Contact with		the Wood fuel group leaders to				
overhead		ensure worksite is clear of any				
electricity		overhead electrical cables				
sources		If overhead cables are present an				
sources		individual site task based risk				
		assessment must be undertaken.				
		No work shall be undertaken				
		without prior notification and				
		consent being attained from the				
		appropriate authority.				
		Contact utility supplier if underground				
		services are detected.				
Isolation:	Risks are enhanced by	No un accompanied or lone working				
	remote working,	woodland management or logging				
Lone and	without mobile signal	operations are to be conducted by				
remote	and a greater distance	volunteers under any circumstances				
working	to emergency services.					
Free roaming	Open wounds and bite	Work site to be closely				
members of	injuries caused by dogs.	controlled, to warn the public of				
the public or		woodland management				
their dogs in	Possibility of members	operations and hazard tape used				
work area	of the public receiving	to cordon off work areas if				
heighten the	injuries such as crushing	necessary.				
risk of	injuries	Chainsaw operation should always have Marshalls to advise members of				

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accidents		public to keep clear of work area and keep their dogs under control.				
		Chainsaw operators and Marshalls				
		should make sure they are visible				
		and utilize hi visibility clothing.				
		Marshalls and operators to use				
		agreed communication method to				
		signal of approaching public.				
		Work should stop to allow				
		public to pass where				
		necessary.				
		Volunteers should be aware of				
		risks of free running dogs and avoid				
		them where possible.				
		Volunteers should report				
		dangerous dog behaviour to				
		police.				
	,	Volunteers should advise owners to				
		keep dogs on lead or under control				
		when approaching work site and				
		should not approach unknown dogs				
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Biohazards: Insects/ticks and plants including Allergies to birch pollen		Volunteers should highlight any personal allergies to Wood fuel group leaders. Volunteers should wear insect repellent when necessary. Activity cancelled if biting insects become intolerable. Avoid walking through brambles, nettles etc. Volunteers should wear trousers and long sleeves. Gloves should be worn when handling timber and carrying out woodland management tasks. Cleared vegetation and timber, unless being stacked into safe habitat piles, should be removed from work site, and not left on paths or car parks. Safety talk should be given to volunteers prior to undertaking woodland management activities. Volunteers to check their own person for ticks as soon as practical post operations	Volunteers to be advised of possible allergic reaction to Birch tree pollen	Action by whom?	Action by when? During spring time activities	Done?

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Bio Hazards:	Infection and disease	Volunteers to have access to anti-				
contact with	from soil, water and	bacterial gels, and surgical gloves if				
water and soil	dirty surfaces including	required.				
while	tetanus, Cyanobacteria	Wood fuel group leaders				
undertaking	and Leptospirosis.	advised to watch out for				
woodland		Cyanobacteria and advise				
management		SEPA if they see it.				
activities		Volunteers to cover any cuts on hands and arms.				
		Wash hands (and arms if				
		necessary) after any activity where				
		there may be faeces present.				
		Volunteers are advised to see a				
		doctor if any symptoms				
		develop.				
		Take rest breaks and meal breaks				
		away from the main work area.				
		Volunteers are advised to avoid				
		placing unprotected hands in water				
		where possible.				
		Volunteers to clean				
		wellingtons/waders if they have been				
		in water				
Ditch and	Potential of drowning	Volunteers should assess site prior	An on-the-day dynamic	SCT wood		
Culvert	and hypothermia.	to the activity and use dynamic risk	risk assessment must be	fuel group		
clearing.	Leading to possible	assessing during the activity.	carried out on the site of	members		
Working near	brain damage and	Ideally Volunteers should work in	any planned ditch			

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water:	death.	pairs. Volunteers who fall into water should be assisted to a place where they can be warmed up and given hot food/drink to assist warming. Call emergency services in	clearing and the scope of work clearly defined			
		circumstances where drowning might happen.				
Biohazard: Animal faeces	Potential of diseases e.g. Toxocara canis	Volunteers should avoid where possible walking in long grass and undergrowth. Do not touch animal faeces. If need to remove use gloves and a shovel and dispose of all contaminated waste safely Cover all new and existing cuts and grazes with waterproof dressings and or gloves before commencing work activity. If cuts, grazes occur wash immediately with soap and running water and apply a dressing. Wash hands (and arms if necessary)				

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		after any activity where there may be faeces present and prior to eating, drinking, using the telephone, taking medication, applying make-up, inserting contact lenses or smoking If wash facilities are not immediately available use bacterial hand wash,				
Carrying Hand tools: for scrub and ditch clearing activities including rakes, forks,	Musculoskeletal injuries, leading to possible major injuries	Hand tools should be carried in a safe manner with blades and tines held downwards and not exposed over the shoulder If young people are using hand tools they should be provided at the work site by a Trust volunteer and must be shown the safe use of the				

Volunteers should

operate dynamic risk

assessing of the site

during the activity.

equipment involved.

Volunteers advised to visually

infrastructure such as gates

bridges and fences. Ensuring

inspect any countryside

spades and

Countryside infrastructure : gates, bridges fences etc.

Cuts, abrasions possible

broken bones, crushing

injury

loppers

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		their own and group safety.				
		Report defective infrastructure to SCT.				
Illness	Range from headache	Volunteers should always		SCT and		
	and cold to flu and food	carry charged, functioning		Volunteer		
	poisoning to heart	mobile phone.		S		
	attacks, brain problems	A volunteer must be in attendance				
	and blood clots.	and must be appointed first aider and				
		carrying a first aid kit.				
		Any volunteers should advise SCT				
		management prior to undertaking				
		activities if they suffer from any				
		Pre-existing medical condition that				
		would affect their ability to safely				
		take part.				
		If at any time a volunteers starts to				
		feel unwell then they should advise				
		the designated person or if not				
		practicable the nearest person to				
		raise the alarm.				
		Emergency Services contacted as soon				
		as possible.				

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Poisonous	Cicknoss vemiting and	Voluntaars to avoid picking funci				
	Sickness vomiting and death	Volunteers to avoid picking fungi				
Fungi/Plants:	death	or other wild plants/berries				
May be		unless fully conversant with the				
present within		species and have the ability to				
grass being cut		identify.				
		Volunteers to know the signs of				
		poisoning and seek medical help				
		immediately if any symptoms arise. Cover all new and existing				
		cuts and grazes with				
		waterproof dressings and or				
		gloves before commencing				
		work activity.				
		If cuts, grazes occur wash				
		immediately with soap and				
		running water and apply a				
		dressing.				
		Wash hands (and arms if necessary)				
		after any activity where there may				
		be faeces present and prior to				
		eating, drinking, using the				
		telephone, taking medication,				
		applying make up, inserting contact				
		lenses or smoking.				
		If wash facilities are not immediately				
		available use bacterial hand wash,				

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S	spray.				
	how		how necessary	how necessary whom?	how necessary whom? when?

Specialist	Serious accidents	Only persons fully trained in the	Marshalls appointed on	Action by	Action by	Done?
equipment	causing musculoskeletal	process of tree felling to undertake	the day to maintain	whom?	when?	
used for Tree	injuries or death	these types of operations.	safety zone and advise	SCT and		
Felling Tree	Explosion and skin	Personal Protective Equipment to be	volunteers and public of	volunteers		
cutting, tree	irritations from fuel,	worn during the process	the tree felling operation			
and log cutting	skeletal and muscular	Marshalls to be appointed to ensure	Special attention or			
including the	injuries from sharp	that a safe working area of at least 2	boundary tape to be			
use of	edges and moving parts	tree lengths is maintained during the	used when felling trees			
Mechanised		process	in proximity to footpaths			

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saws, wedges, winches and hawses			or public areas			
Log splitting and the use of hand tools including Hand Saws, Axes And log Splitters	Serious accidents causing musculoskeletal injuries including major cuts to hands, feet and limbs	Any volunteers using log splitting hand tools to wear suitable clothing, heavy gloves and eye protection. They should be familiar or instructed with the process of log splitting and in the safe use of such equipment. Sufficient clearance space to be allocated to each cutting area to avoid flying logs and splinters	On the day dynamic risk assessment of volunteer skills and advice given where necessary in the safe process of log splitting	SCT and volunteers		
Sharp Objects: such as broken glass, stones, bottles or nails including Sharps: used/unused needles and syringes	Lacerations, puncture wounds, eye injuries Risk of disease leading to Hepatitis B, HIV and other blood borne infections.	Site Reconnaissance, identifying and removing potential harmful objects from activity site if safe to do so with a appropriate PPE and litter picker. Only pick up glass using litter pickers and if wearing suitable gloves and dispose of safely. If lots of glass, it should be placed in a bucket and carried separately, not put in bin bags. Bin bags may need to be doubled up if sharp objects so don't bang	Volunteers should conduct a dynamic risk assessment on the day and ensure volunteers have correct clothing and sufficient awareness of the risk involved with the activity.	SCT and volunteers		

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which may be hidden in grass or		against the legs. Bin bags should be of a high quality and thick. Appropriate protective footwear to				
vegetation and may be		be worn by all Volunteers. These should preferably be sturdy boots.				
disturbed when cutting		Long trousers and long sleeves must be worn. Volunteers advised in advance of appropriate footwear and clothing to be worn. Volunteers to avoid where possible walking through dense vegetation/undergrowth.				
Tree tubes and tree stakes	Lacerations, puncture wounds, crushing injuries	 Gloves should be worn when carrying and handling tree tubes and stakes. When holding tree stake being hammered into ground, wear gloves, and hold onto stake part way down stake, 				

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