

## GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

- This risk assessment relates to those hazards *specific to an activity*. It must ensure that all the precautions necessary to reduce the risk have been implemented.
- This generic *will be used with a local/site risk assessment*, which takes into account local circumstances, and persons involved.
- The level of risk is assessed using the *level of risk matrix (form F911D)*

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSED BY:	ASSESSMENT DATE
<b>C19 - CREATING AND MAINTAINING WILLOW STRUCTURES</b>			N.B. Generic risk assessment must be reviewed at least every 3 years.
HAZARD (Potential for harm)	LEVEL OF RISK (Severity) Low /Medium/ High	PRECAUTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED (to remove hazard; or reduce risk level to an acceptable level) (NOTE: one precaution may tackle several hazards)	
Trip hazards, slippery and uneven surfaces		Safety talk, give advice on potential trip hazards, slippery slopes, ensure suitable footwear is worn.	
Biohazards, (plant sap, poisonous berries, stings from nettles, insects bites) soil borne organisms		Safety talks about nettles and other potentially harmful plants. First aid kit available. Fully charged mobile phone carried by leader in case of emergencies Skin Irritation/Dermatitis - Skin/eye contact with sap and other plant material is to be avoided by wearing suitable clothing, gloves and goggles. Wash off skin and cover cuts	
Weather conditions		Site safety talk. Ensure a sufficient water supply is available and suitable rest periods in shade in hot weather. Advise all workers to wear shirt to cover exposed skin, put on sun hats and use a high factor sun cream (slip slap, slop) Ensure all workers have adequate wet weather gear to prevent exposure, stop work immediately when conditions deteriorate. N.B. DO NOT use swinging tools in wet weather. Beware of increased hazard on slopes especially when ground is slippery.	
Tools and equipment		Site safety and tools talks about correct use of tools and equipment. No gloves to be worn with swinging tools. Safe working distances i.e. 2 arms and 2 tool lengths distance between each worker. Visual and physical inspection of tools before use. Do not hang tools in trees. Correct storage of tools.	
Willow branches/falling debris		Site safety talk re safe working distances. All to ensure that care is taken when removing overhead material, appropriate PPE to be worn - Hard hats and suitable footwear.	
Ladders		<b>See separate RA on Ladders</b>	