

Learning in the Leaves

Risk Assessment

Low Risk	Something which may result in minor damage or slight harm (i.e. scratch or bruise)
Medium Risk	Something which may result in a significant loss/damage or major injury (broken bone or other injury, which results in person being taken to hospital for treatment)
High Risk	Something which may result in extensive damage, multiple major injuries or death



Blind Folds Risk Assessment

The Hazard	What Might Happen?	Potential Level of Risk	Controls	Level of Risk After Controls	Does the Benefit Out way the Risks?	Responsibility
Walking into trees/branches.	Bumps, bruises and cuts from walking into trees.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief clients about walking slowly, one foot at a time. - Ensure clients are lead between areas when wearing blindfolds. - Have a code word for everyone one to stop and one for everyone to take off blindfolds. - Remove sharp branches at a height where they might cause harm. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using blindfolds in activities.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients
Tripping on floor covering	Bumps, bruises, cuts and grazes from tripping on ground cover.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above. - Ensure ground is checked for potential trip hazards. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using blindfolds in activities.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients
Panic Attacks	Some clients may find it difficult to wear blindfold and panic	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reassure client and encourage them to give activity a go. - If activity is causing distress, then modify activity for client. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using blindfolds in activities.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients