

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



Bowsaw 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
Accidental injury on unattended tool.	Cuts	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure tools are stored in a designated space. - Ensure tools are stored in a locked box. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using tool. Develop own risk management for client.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients
Incorrect use of tool	Cuts	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform person using bow saw of tool talk - No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non-sawing hand. - First aiders and first aid kit close by. - One to one supervision for new/younger/vulnerable clients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure safety of site. - Keep blade cover on when not in use and store in tool bag. 	Medium	Yes – Significant benefits to using tool. Develop own risk management for client.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients
Trip or fall with tool	Cuts	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure safe working area prepared with limited trip risks. - Ensure tool transported with cover on. - Ensure tool talk learnt including how to move safely with tool. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using tool. Develop own risk management for client.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients
Falling Branches when cutting	Bumps, bruises, cuts from falling branches.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure high branches are correctly supported. - Ensure other clients are clear of the working area. - Ensure those using the saw know the correct procedure. 	Low	Yes – Significant benefits to using tool. Develop own risk management for client.	Forest Practitioners Briefed Clients