

**RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips**

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Assessor

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Signature

ACTIVITY **A2** Minibeast hunting with sweep nets & beating trays

LOCATION

Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Injury caused by nets accidentally hitting someone	Children & supervising adults	3	2	6	Correct use of nets/trays demonstrated & risk explained. Supervision of activity.	
Use of pooters – inhaling insects or germs on mouthpiece.	children	2	3	6	Correct use demonstrated and wipes or antibacterial gel carried to clean mouthpieces.	
Bee or wasp stings. Insect bites	all	3	2	6	First Aider with group.	
Health – handling contaminated material e.g. from animal droppings, dog mess	Children, students, adults, CHC staff	3	2	6	Handwashing facilities available before eating. Latex gloves available if required. Antibacterial hand gel carried.	
Nettles	Children	3	3	6	Care advised when using sweep nets in nettles. Adults could apply juice from nettle stem to ease reaction.	
Contact (in sunshine) with plants of the hedge/cow parsley family.	Any one coming in contact with its sap.	2	2	4	Site monitored for presence of any particularly noxious varieties. Visitors advised not to pick plants.	
Poisonous plants e.g. hemlock water dropwort	Anyone eating leaves roots or sap	2	4	8	Visitors advised not to pick plants and to wash hands before eating.	
Boggy bit in meadow	Anyone falling in it	2	2	4	Only an issue after wet weather.	

Trampling / damage to protected species	Marsh orchids etc.	-	-	-	Groups requested to stay on paths whenever possible.	
Animals	all	2	2	4	Supervisors to be aware of any dogs or cattle	