## PLOT 22 Risk Assessment Form – Safe Knife Use

**Activity Assessed:**
Activity Location: PLOT 22  
Assessed By:  

**Date:** 10/2011  
**Next Assessment Due:** 10/2012  

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| Transportation around site             | 2                        | 4               | 8           | Knives stored until participants know the procedure  
Knives to be in sheath when in transit  | 1                          | 4                 | 4            |
| Cut to user and/or other participants  | 3                        | 4               | 12          | Knives to be used with a safe working distance of an arms length of the blade apart.  
Only to be used with cutting board.  
Participants never walk around with knife out of sheath  
Knives never left to be left with tip in ground or stump while not in use. | 2                          | 4                 | 8            |
| Slipping when using/bouncing off       | 2                        | 4               | 8           | Tools kept sharp and usable  
No gloves to be worn when using Safe working space  
Instruction to be given before use  
Hands to be kept out of danger  
Suitable work surface to be used  | 2                          | 4                 | 8            |
| Breakage/damage of tool                | 2                        | 4               | 8           | Regular and effective maintenance of tools  
All issues reported and noted immediately  | 1                          | 4                 | 4            |
| Storage                                | 2                        | 4               | 8           | Keep in storage until instructed  
Account for number off tools given out and returned back in  | 1                          | 4                 | 4            |

Responsible adult to supervise at all times.  
Suitable ratio of trained adults to persons with tools.  
No activity may be carried out where there is an individual Risk Factor of 10 or above.