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Sawing

Most children like sawing wood, especially if there is a purpose eg firewood. This insert gives some ideas on how to saw safely with children in the outdoors.

Equipment:

Bowsaw -peg tooth for dead wood

- raker tooth for green wood

Gardening glove- for the non- sawing hand

Strong stable support eg sawhorse





Safe sawing guidelines:

1. There must be adult supervision at all times.
2. The children are using a peg tooth bowsaw for dead wood.
3. They each have a gardening glove on their non-sawing hand.
4. They are holding the wood with their gloved hand.
5. Make a small nick in the wood first and use the full length of the saw , keeping the bowsaw straight.
6. The sawing area would be cordoned off.
7. After use ,the blade cover is always replaced and the bowsaw securely stored.
8. The children are sawing dead wood for the fire.
9. It is recommended tools should not be hung from trees/ branches.