


Risk assessment

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| Name of activity, event, and location | SARRATT SCOUT GROUP GREEN BERET BASE: Plank Challenge 16 November 2024 Tolmers Campsite | Date of risk assessment | 27/10/2024 | Name of person doing this risk assessment | SARAH DOBSON SARRATT ESL Reviewed by: Doug Stack ACM HCSC Katy Pearce EM HCSC |
| | | Date of next review | Next time base is used | | |

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| DESCRIPTION | This Green Beret Base being run by Sarratt Scout Group involves 4 scaffolding planks and 4 crates. The crates are positioned at the 4 corners of a square. The challenge is for each team to figure out how to arrange the scaffolding planks so each team member can cross from one corner of the square to the opposite corner. The planks cannot touch the floor. Protective gloves are provided for handling the planks. |
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| What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it? | Who is at risk? | What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? | Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
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| <i>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</i> | <i>For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors</i> | <i>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</i> | <i>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i> |
| GENERAL RISKS | | | |
| Accidents and administering First Aid: | Young people and leaders. | The usual procedures for managing an accident as detailed in the 'purple card' on "Safe Scouting and what to do in an emergency", or the administering of first aid will apply, plus additional measures to reduce the spread of infection / illness. A resuscitation shield will be used in the event of CPR being required. In the event of an injury or accident notify event organiser and complete an Accident Report Form In the event of a major injury, contact the emergency services / transfer to hospital and use the In Touch person to notify parents or next of kin/emergency contact for a Leader. |  |
| ACTIVITY SPECIFIC RISKS | | | |
| Slips, trips and falls: Risk of injury | Young people and leaders. | Young members and Leaders are advised to take care when moving around the base and in particular when walking along the scaffolding planks. | |

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| Splinters / cuts from scaffolding planks: Risk of injury | Young people and leaders. | Protective gloves to be worn at all times, | |
| Manual handling injury: Risk of injury | Young people and leaders. | Instruct young people how to correctly lift the scaffolding planks. Ensure 2 young people manoeuvre the planks at all times. | |
| Trapped fingers, plank dropped on foot etc Risk of injury | Young people and leaders. | Advise young people to be aware of trapping fingers. Ensure all young people have appropriate (closed toe) footwear. Constantly monitor the base and intervene if there is the potential for an accident to occur. | |
| Vegetation, insect bites and stings: Risk of cuts, abrasions, bites and stings | Young people and leaders. | Leaders to assess the area being utilised and if necessary, clear the base area of any large stones, nettles, thistles etc. | |
| Bad weather e.g. rain Equipment becomes wet and slippery | Young people and leaders. | The planks used for the base are scaffolding planks, specifically chosen as they do not become slippery when wet. However, the risk of being able to safely continue with the base to be assessed in excessive rain or wind conditions, and the base closed if deemed necessary. | |
| Overcrowding: Too many young people on the base creates unsafe conditions | Young people and leaders. | Monitor the numbers on the base, ideally no more than 6, and supervise throughout the time the base is in use to ensure safe numbers. | |
| Bad behaviour: Can impact safety of young person or others on the base. | Young people and leaders. | Monitor behaviour of all on the base. Take steps to point out any inappropriate behaviour. If bad behaviour continues report young person / team to the organisers, and if necessary stop the individual / team from continuing with the base. | |

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

Contingency Planning: Should bad weather or other reasons mean the base cannot continue, stop the base and notify the organiser. Young people to then use other bases that are still operational.

Risk Assessment Communication: To event organiser

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| Approved by Event Organiser | Name: Role / level: Date: |
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