

# Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Green Beret Activity - 'Pole and Buckets' Green Beret, Tolmers Camp Site November 2024	Date of risk assessment	26.10.2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Richard Hartley 1st Leverstock Green Scout Group Reviewed by: Doug Stack ACM HCSC Katy Pearce EM HCSC
		Date of next review	n/a		

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?
Slips, trips and falls in and around the activity resulting from uneven ground, holes and wet conditions underfoot.	Leaders / Young Leaders Participants	Check the surrounding area during pre-start inspection. Remove any foreign objects which might cause injury to participants. Advise the Green Beret management team of hazardous ground conditions which need to be made good. Brief Leaders, Young Leaders and participants of any residual risk.	Keep under review during the activity.
Falls from height during activity.	Participants	All activity rules will be covered during the pre-start activity safety briefing. Ensure ground conditions alongside the activity are free from obstructions and holes to avoid twisted ankles and injuries to feet and hands.	Keep under review during the activity.
Manual handling of the pole.	Leaders / Young Leaders Participants	The wooden pole is heavy - leaders, young leaders and participants will be briefed on its safe handling.	N/A
Inadequate lighting during night activity.	Leaders / Young Leaders Participants	Ensure adequate lighting is provided during the hours of darkness. If lighting levels are not adequate, the activity will be stopped.	Monitor light levels during the activity.
Ill health from poor weather.	Leaders / Young Leaders Participants	Leaders and Young Leaders will wear suitable warm and waterproof clothing including boots or wellies. Warm drinks and snacks will be provided to Leaders and Young Leaders running the base.. Participants will be briefed by their own Scout Groups on the need for suitable clothing (action by others).	Keep under review during the activity.
Physical injury including injuries to hands and fingers during the activity.	Participants	There is a risk of injury during the activity, mainly from moving and handling the pole. Hands and fingers may be trodden on during the activity. This risk will be included in the pre-start safety briefing given to all participants. First aid kits will be available locally and any serious injuries will be taken to the Green Beret first aid team for treatment.	N/A



You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)

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