

# Risk Assessment

Name of activity/ event/ location	Green Beret - First Aid and Stretcher Base	Date of risk assessment	21/10/2024	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Rowena Raine ASL – Chess Troop 1 <sup>st</sup> Chorleywood Reviewed by: Doug Stack ACM HCSC Katy Pearce EM HCSC
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<i>Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.</i>	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	<b>Controls</b> – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even <b>stop</b> it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Example: Hazard – fire Risk – smoke inhalation / burns	Leaders, Vistors, Young Leaders, Scouts	Smoke- Use of dry wood, check wind direction, Stand people out of smoke direction. Burns- Safe distance from fire, extra wood place on carefully, teach Scouts good practice around fires, burns/first aid kit easily available.	
Risk of injury due to not listening, hearing or understanding activity instructions & safety briefing.	Participating Scouts	Clear verbal activity instructions and demonstrations with key safety points given at the beginning of the Activity.	
Trips, Slips, Falls & Collisions. Tolmers is a natural wooded area with uneven ground, animal burrows, low branches, brambles, & marshy lands Risk of minor/major injury: cuts, scratches, bruises, twists, sprains etc	Participating Scouts and Volunteers	~ Activity leader to check play area for hazards and remove any loose materials, noting and marking the location of anything that presents a risk. ~ Participating Scouts to be warned of hazards during activity briefing. ~ Activity leader to remain vigilant throughout activity and proactively manage risk situations.	
Risk of injury from handling & carrying staves	Participating Scouts	~ Activity leader to inspect staves for rough areas and splinters. ~ Staves must only be used for the intended project.  ~Activity leader to advise the Scouts that when carrying the staves, awareness of other Scouts in the area is key in order to avoid accidental collision & potential injury. Instruct them to make a 360-degree check for people and hazards before moving the staves.  ~ Activity leader to remain vigilant throughout activity and proactively manage risk situations.	



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Risk of injury from first aid, assembling and carrying the stretchers	Participating Scouts	<p>Activity leader to implement clear rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~Scouts should not run about during the base activity.</li> <li>~Scouts to be aware of dangers to others and themselves and immediately report any accidents or injuries.</li> <li>~ Caution must be used when using ropes to build the stretcher. Awareness and special attention must be given to the potential risk of tripping, choking &amp; friction burns.</li> <li>~ Caution must be used when carrying the injured scout. The scout must be carried low to the ground, not on the shoulders of the rest of the group.</li> <li>~ Scouts should not tie the arm sling or any ropes around someone's neck.</li> </ul> <p>~ Activity leader to remain vigilant throughout activity and proactively manage risk situations.</p>	
Falling objects (if overhead structures are present).	Participating Scouts	~ Activity leader will check the marquee to ensure there is nothing that may cause any issues.	
Environmental Light Conditions Risk: Accidents due to lack of visibility due to night conditions	Participating Scouts & Volunteers	~The base will have tripod lighting and Scouts & Volunteers will be asked to bring torches.	
Harmful Plants Risk: Illness	Participating Scouts & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~Activity leader to pre-check play area for harmful plants e.g. Nettles, Thistles, Brambles, Fungi etc. If found, physically restrict hazard areas with cones or hazard tape.</li> <li>~Warn participants of risk during activity briefing</li> </ul>	
Weather – risk of hypothermia	Participating Scouts & Volunteers	~Appropriate clothing to be worn/Adequate protection from the Sun/Wind/Rain	

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