


# Risk assessment

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Name of activity, event, and location	8 <sup>th</sup> St Marylebone – Competition Camp (Green Beret, Tolmers Scout campsite – Event run by Hertfordshire Scouts EXPLORER BASES – Friction Bridge	Date of risk assessment	17th October 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Larkin Reviewed by: Doug Stack ACM HCSC Katy Pearce EM HCSC
		Date of next review	Prior to next camp		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p><b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage. <b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p><b>Controls</b> 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.</p>	<p>Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity.</p> <p>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</p>
<b>Cold - hypothermia</b>	All	Wear warm clothes stay dry, keep checking that everyone is warm and dry. Hot drinks, breaks if required	
<b>Site features –</b> Risk of injuries from: Natural features Plant & equipment	All present	Risk of trip, slip, or fall whilst in any woodland which will be managed by an appropriate safety briefing at start of camp. Will check to ensure that everyone is wearing appropriate footwear to enter the forest. Bare feet will not be permitted. YP to be briefed on site boundaries at beginning of camp to ensure they don't get lost or leave the site.	
<b>Injury from staves</b>	All present	Maintain a watching brief, stop any tomfoolery. No splinters should happen but 1 <sup>st</sup> aid kit on standby.	

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<b>Weather</b>	Explorers and leaders	Pre-camp information sent to explorer parents, including kit list, will include information about suitable clothing. Activity(ies) may be changed due to conditions. Obtain weather reports. Ensure adequate drinking water. Ensure shelter available for base staff	
<b>Tables –</b> Risk of collapse during cooking and activity	All present	Leaders to check that all tables and benches have been erected properly and safely. If ground is wet then boards to be put down to keep them stable and level.	
<b>Behavior –</b> risk of overexcitement.	All present	Follow the section code of conduct that sets clear expectations of behaviour. Leaders to be aware and manage group behaviour. Leaders and YLs to be assigned to each patrol. Expectations to be set at beginning of camp.	
<b>Appropriate adults –</b> Injuries from poor management of camp, activities and facilities	All adults	Ensure all leaders and adult helpers have completed appropriate personal enquiry checks. Event run by a leader with correct Nights Away Permit. Appropriate adult: child ratios are in place. Nights Away risk assessment logged with DC.	
<b>Incidents –</b> Risk of prolonged/increased injuries from lack of management		Suitable first aid cover is in place with adequate equipment. InTouch process to be put in place Medication to be stored securely and leaders to supervise schedule of taking medicines	

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