

Camping Risk Assessment

Site and General

Hazard Identified & Risks Arising	Persons at Risk	How is the Risk Controlled? What Further Controls Are Needed?	Person Responsible for controls	Review Date & Revisions Made
Trip/fall Hazzard- injury from tripping over roots, undergrowth or falling from tress woodpile or buildings	Young People	Ensure all are made aware of any hazards on site especially when moving around in the dark such as ditches. Instruction given on dangers of climbing trees or the woodpile. Ensure any site hazards are then identified to young people with details of any out of bound areas or activities.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Water- Risk of drowning	Young People	Ensure areas of water such as either of the lakes or the border ditches are identified and assessed for hazard when not being used for an activity. Water activities only undertaken as POR	Leaders and competent adults present	Oct'25
Water- Risk of hypothermia	All on site especially young people	Monitor those in or on the lakes for signs on hypothermia. Spring water feeds the lake at 10°C so it is colder than most open water. Water activities only undertaken as POR	Leaders and competent adults present	
Railway Track and Level Crossing - Risk of being hit by train and killed	All on site especially young people	Explain that the green railway fence keeps us safe from the trains which run at 70+mph past the site and are quiet enough not to notice them. Only cross the level crossing with a leader, or two if more than 5 young people	Leaders and competent adults present	Oct'25
Roads and Tracks- Risk of being hit by vehicle and injured	All on site especially young people	Ensure all on site are aware of vehicle movements and priorities. Especially around drop-off car park and its nearby main road.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Activities- Injury	All on site especially young people	Ensure all young people follow directions of the qualified activity instructors, and have the correct clothing. Where possible ensure training is given in advance. Ensure specific activity risk assessment is in place (obtain from website).	Leaders and competent adults present	
Footwear- Risk of foot or ankle injury	All on site especially young people	Ensure everyone has good footwear and that it is worn as necessary. Hazards such as nails in wood on woodpile, treading on thorns and tent pegs when walking bare foot to the toilet block.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Travel- To and form site road traffic accident. Injury or death	Occupants of vehicles	Ensure everyone wears a seat belt. On return from camp ensure ALL drivers have adequate rest before driving. Speed reduced when pedestrians are nearby.	All drivers	
Safeguarding – Access to young people by non-scouters	All on site	Ensure everyone wears a necker and that anyone not wearing a necker is identified swiftly and dealt with by a leader. There is a non-scout campsite nearby in the summer who may mistakenly try to access Dernford Nook	Leaders and competent adults present	
Wildlife – Unintended impacts on the wildlife and people	All on site	This is a wildlife site we camp on, not the other way round. Respect the wildlife. Deer occasionally cross the site so be alert to the possibility of ticks (not likely, but possible). Be aware of the risk of bites from cornered animals or reptiles. If bitten by anything, especially a snake, go to nearby Addenbrookes A&E even if it's 'just a grass snake' (as they don't bite)	Leaders and competent adults present	Apr 26

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Fires

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Tent Fire- Patrol Tents Injury or death from tent catching fire	Tent occupants (especially young people)	No naked flames allowed in Patrol tents. Tents to be pitched well away from open fires.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Trip Hazzard- Injury tripping over tent pegs, guy lines and wood piles	Young people	Ensure instruction given NOT to run close to tents or fires on site	Leaders and competent adults present	
Patrol tents Pitch and strike- Injury from poles or guy lines if tent collapses	Young people	Ensure training given on pitching and striking a tent. Ensure adequate supervision where required	Leaders and competent adults present	
Tent position- Risk of injury from falling tress or branches, flood	Young people	Ensure training given on site Hazards, and where to safely place a tent. Leaders should check for dangerous branches or tress close to tents. Be aware of any site specific hazards. Ensure everyone is aware of weather forecast, such as high winds.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Tent Hygiene - Risk of illness or feeling unwell	All at camp but especially Young People in patrol tents	Ensure prior to camp leadership team have been made aware of any ongoing illness a young person attending has had- Permission to camp form is often submitted in advance of the dates of the camp Ensure training on dangers of leaving food in tent encouraging rodents/keeping sleeping area dry and general camp hygiene	Leaders and competent adults present	

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Tents

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Tent Fire-Cooking and Mess tents Injury or death from tent catching fire	Tent occupants (especially young people)	Gas Cylinders to be turned off when not in use. All gas appliances when connected by young people must be checked by a competent adult. Cooking area to be positioned where exit from tent is easily available. Correct fire extinguishers are available	Leaders and competent adults present	
Food- Danger of food poisoning due to under cooked food or contamination	All on camp	Ensure proper food preparation hygiene precautions are observed at all times. When youngsters are cooking themselves ensure instruction is given by a competent person	Leaders and competent adults present	
Kitchen - Danger of burns and scalds	Cooks and those in kitchen	Ensure Training in cooking for young people and ensure adequate supervision is in place using YL's and Adults	Leaders and competent adults present	
Food- Danger of food poisoning due to under cooked food or contamination	All at camp	Ensure proper food preparation hygiene precautions are observed at all times. When youngsters are cooking themselves ensure training and instruction is given by a competent person. Ensure food is properly stored, prior to use especially in hot weather. Ensure waste food is disposed of correctly	Leaders and competent adults present	

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Indoor Accommodation including Kitchen

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Fire Injury or death	All in building	Ensure no combustible materials are stored close to fires. Ensure Young people aware of what to do in event of fire and the evacuation process	Leaders and competent adults present	
Electrical- Injury or Death	All in building especially young people	Unplugging equipment only by a competent person.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Carbon monoxide poisoning, (sleep overs) possible Death by Asphyxiation	All In building	Ensure no other sources of emission and adequate ventilation for activities	Leaders and competent adults present	
Floor - Trip and fall hazards - Danger of fall injuries due to slip on wet floor	All in building	Ensure spillages are cleaned immediately. Mats and electrical wires secure or marked as hazard if required. Communicate building specific issues to all	Leaders and competent adults present	
Kitchen - Danger of burns and scalds	Young People	Supervision required when cooker is in use. See Kitchen RA	Leaders and competent adults present	
Kitchen - Biohazard Food poison, cross contamination	All in kitchen and those eating/drinking	Keep kitchen clean, Separate chopping boards/knives for raw meat. Supervision required when cooking. See Kitchen RA	Leaders and competent adults present	
Toilets - Biohazard Sickness,	Users of toilets especially young people	Cleaning after 'accidents' Storage of cleaning chemicals out of reach of young people in the leaders side of the block.	Leaders and competent adults present	
Hypothermia	All involved	Ensure all are aware of risk. Ensure adequate clothing. Food intake	Leaders and competent adults present	

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Mess-tent cooking

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