

**Title - Core Risk assessment**

This risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

<b>Risk assessments</b>	<b>Procedures</b>
Site risk assessments	Health and Safety
Activity risk assessments	Child Protection
	Lifting

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Person at Risk</b>	<b>Existing preventative measures</b>	<b>Risk L-Low M - Medium H-High</b>	<b>What measures need to be taken</b>	<b>Risk L-Low M - Medium H-High</b>	<b>By Who? Confirmation of understanding or completion</b>
<b>Weather</b>	The group and leaders	Leaders aware of daily weather report and choose to curtail the visit if deemed unsafe	L	Explain to group the actions if weather bad. Move to safer environment if needed.	L	Leader
<b>High Winds</b>	The group and leaders	Groups will not enter the woodlands when wind is high	M	Leader makes decision before entering woods or later if wind picks	L	Leader

				up		
<b>Inappropriate footwear Clothing</b>	The group and leaders	A list of appropriate clothing is given to the groups' organiser in advance of the sessions.	L	Curtail visit if the group is not well equipped	L	Leader and group leader
<b>General health and welfare</b>	The group and leaders	Leaders to provide appropriate advice and group management to ensure regular food and drink breaks. Groups advised on what clothing to wear.	L	Ensure medical info is at hand	L	Leader and group leader
<b>The sun</b>	The group and leaders	Advise sun cream, hats and glasses as necessary	L	Group advised to wear appropriate clothing	L	Leader and group leader
<b>Medical Problem</b>	The group and leaders	Consent forms in lace and allergies and medical consideration noted	L	Leader to keep a record of consent forms	L	Leader and group leader
<b>Accident or health problems</b>	The group and leaders	Leader trained in First Aid, group leadership and hazard perception. Leader to carry First Aid kit and emergency kit.	M	The leader to take control should emergency arise.	L	Leader

		Leader? Teachers to carry medical info if provided by participants				
<b>Vehicles</b> Collision	Group and leaders	Cones in place Staff informed of visit	M	Safety talk when using picnic area Supervise groups when entering and leaving via the car park. Move groups away from car park as soon as possible	M	Leaders must ensure group knows what to do
<b>Litter and debris</b> Cut Trips Entrapment Suffocation	Group and leaders	Regular litter picks and reporting of larger items	L L L L	Pre -visit check of site and warn groups about litter - Safety Talk	L L L L	Leaders must ensure group understands danger
<b>Paths and Tracks</b> Broken, Trip Uneven trip Slippery slip	Group and leaders	Paths maintained to satisfactory standard	L L L	Ensure group takes care and does not run. Warn groups about uneven areas. Avoid steep slopes. Single file in	L L L	Leader to monitor site and paths

				needed. Appropriate footwear.		
<b>Exposed roots, off path main and steep paths</b> Trip Slip	Group and leaders	Areas well maintained and regularly checked	L L	If going off main paths leader to assess routes. Warn group coming down steeper paths	L L	Leader to warn about uneven ground
<b>Broken steps, and steep paths</b> Trip Slip Fall	Group and leaders	Area well maintained and checked	L L L	Ensure group aware of any changes in gradient in advance	L L L	Included in safety talk
<b>Hole, animal burrows, ditches</b> Falling Getting trapped	Group and leaders	Areas well maintained and regularly checked	L L	Warn group what to do if find danger	L L	If an area is discover move group away and mark area
<b>Broken fences and boundaries</b> Cut Crushing Tripping Entrapment	Group and leaders	Boundaries in reasonable repair	L L L L	Group warned about danger in safety talk	L L L L	Included in safety talk
<b>L branches</b>	Group and	Area cleared		Site checked by		Make sure

Banging head Poking in eyes	leaders		L L	group before use	L L	included on Safety talk
<b>Dead tress branches</b> Impact Crush Tripping	Group and leaders	Areas well maintained and regularly checked	M L L	Site checked by leader before use and then by group	L L L	Make sure included on Safety talk
<b>Dry stone Wall</b> Impact Crush	Group and leaders	Pre visit check	L L	Don't let children go closer than 1 m to the wall, as sometimes small stones can detach	L L	Leader to ensure procedure are folLed
<b>Dogs</b> Attack Faeces	Group and leaders	Area used by dog walkers signs for dog mess	L L	Site checked by leader before use and then by group	L L	Make sure included on Safety talk Leader to deal with dogs and owners - Sign school on site today
<b>Insects</b> <b>Stings</b> <b>Anaphylactic shock</b>	Group and leaders	Included in safety talk First Aid training Avoid areas near was/bees nests etc	L L	Check group know what to do if a wasp/ bee is close by (stay calm, stand still).	L L	Leader to ensure procedure are folLed
<b>Horses</b> Trample	Groups and Leaders	Included in safety Talk	L	Point out that horses occasionally	L	Leader to ensure procedure are

				use the woods, and where they tend to ride. Discuss how to act if a horse comes past. Supervising adults advised to be vigilant		folLed
<b>Members of the public</b> Interference Abduction Attack	Group and leaders	Correct ratios of adults	L L L	Ensure all procedures are followed to prevent interference from general public	L L L	Leader to ensure procedure are folLed
<b>Plants</b> Poisoning Stinging Thorns	Group and leaders	Site check	L L L	Included in safety talk - Id plants if needed Wash Hands after activity	L L L	Leader and teachers to ensure procedure are folLed
<b>Water</b> Stream Drowning	Group and leaders	Correct ratios of adults No planned activity near water without separate risk assessment. Pre-activity Site	M	Included in safety talk - Restrict group to walking only two abreast when on beck-side path. Staff to notify	L	Leader to ensure procedure are folLed

		check.		group of any places where the undergrowth may hide the stream banks. Children not to climb on bridge railings		
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