

## Scouting risk assessment

<b>Name of Section or Activity</b>	BiTs - Widgame	<b>Date of risk assessment</b>	01/06/2023	<b>Name of who undertook this risk assessment</b>	Vicki Gage	<b>Risk assessment for :</b>	Playing in the woods
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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?
<b>Hazard</b> – something that may cause harm or damage. <b>Risk</b> – the chance of it happening.	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.
Getting lost	Everyone	Make sure an area is used which is defined, either by boundary fence or certain landmarks, such as paths. Everyone should stay in pairs and shout if help needed. Leaders to carry radios.	
Falling over stumps, roots and dead branches; slipping or being whacked in face by branch/bush.	Everyone	Everyone should stay in pairs and shout if help needed. Leaders to carry radios. Leaders to walk around to check for any problems. All leaders to know where to get first aid assistance from.	
Problems occur whilst playing	Everyone	Leaders to carry radios. Leader in charge to blow whistle, 3 times, at which point everyone returns to predefined location. Leaders to walk around to check for any problems.	

**Review:** This needs to be taken out yearly, or if the need exists as a new risk occurs or the measures put in place have not been enough to stop an incident happening.

<b>Checked by Line Manager</b>	Name, Role / level Date	<b>Checked by Executive</b>	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)