

Scouting risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	BiTs	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Vicki Gage	Risk assessment for :	Campsite and Tents
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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?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – 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 checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Night time dangers	All	As far as possible use of torches to guide the way. Regular head checks are made. All Young People are taken to toilet before bed, so as to lessen the chance of needing to go during the night.	
Running into things, such as tents	Young People	Make sure that all children are reminded not to run around the area of tents and activities. Children are pointed out the dangers of tent pegs and how they can be harmful.	
Children becoming lost	Young People	Make sure that all Young People are walked around the main part of the site. Show the Young People where to go if they get lost, or who they can talk to. Make sure regular head counts happen to quicken the speed of knowing that a Young person is missing. Children are either sent to toilets in pairs with an adult, or if closer still in pairs and that they have to stay together.	
Bumping into each other – especially during free time or impromptu games on the field around personal areas.	Young people	Make sure that different teams are spaced out, children if running around in circles are all running the same way. Remind children to look before they start running to make sure that nobody is going to run passed. Remind children to watch whilst they are running.	
Tripping hazards	Young people	Remind children to keep an eye on the surface when running, especially whilst outside. A check of the area could be made by an adult if appropriate to check for large stones, objects, etc; or to check for holes which could be tripped into, especially around the groups own campsite area.	
Inappropriate footwear	Young people	Make sure that everyone who is running has appropriate foot wear. Remind and ask children to tie all shoe laces, especially if laces become undone during the camp. All to have footwear on whilst outside sleeping tents.	
Tents falling	All	Make sure that all tents are correctly constructed, especially if bad weather is predicted. Pegs are checked to make sure that have not fallen out after child has tripped on them. Children are reminded about the behaviour whilst in tents.	Bad weather accommodation will be provided as much as possible if severe bad weather is predicted.
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.			

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