

Risk Assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Pioneering – District Camp 2023	Date of risk assessment	May 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Lee Hodgson
		Date of next review	October 2023		

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?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<i>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</i>	<i>For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors</i>	Controls 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.	<i>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i>
Nature of terrain, slips, trips, and falls – personal injuries, sprains, and strains.	All	Check for natural hazards in the build area. Make sure everyone's wearing suitable footwear. Assess the weather risk before and during the session. Consider moving this activity to another area if needed.	
Handling equipment – strains and so on.	All	Plan the structure before you start building. Follow the plan. Check that the project you're planning and the type of equipment you'll use are appropriate for the age of the young people.	
Construction and dismantling – fingers, feet, or other body parts trapped between or under poles. Pioneering equipment, using tools, natural materials, ropes – personal injuries, rope burns, cuts, bruises, abrasions, puncture wounds, eye damage. Lifting heavy items – back or other muscular injuries.	All	Make sure the activity lead is competent. Give all participants appropriate training. Give everyone participating in the activity a safety briefing. Supervised young people at all times. Consider participants' personal circumstances and any reasonable adjustments you may need to make. Assess and advise young people carrying, lifting and storing pioneering equipment. Make sure that young people know how to carry, lift, and store pioneering equipment? Teach young people to carry, lift, and store pioneering equipment? Check equipment before use. Report any damaged or faulty equipment. Make PPE available if the activity leader thinks it's necessary. Using thick gloves while handling poles is good practice.	Use elastic appropriate to the age group for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.
Structures collapsing – crush injuries, lacerations, and fractures. Impact with pioneering equipment – crush injuries, lacerations, and fractures.	All	Closely supervise structures while they're being constructed and dismantled. Check how the weather affects structures, for example, wet ropes causing stretching or tightening. Supervise young people and check they're using the correct knots and lashings. Limit the load you put on the structure. Undo the main supports last when you're dismantling a structure.	Weather looks to be warm and dry however we will need each an eye on this encase the weather changes. We may need to consider closing this activity. Load – Bean Bags/Tennis Balls

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Being hit by a projectile in the air	All	Ensure there is a safety zone in front of the bastilles Ensure the safety zone is marked or roped off to ensure a passer-by isn't hit. Stop activity whilst collecting projectiles. Stop activity at once if somebody moves into the safety zone. Ensure there is a sufficient distance between each team. Safety briefing to ensure the YP is only in the safety zone away from people.	Use Bean Bags or Tennis Balls to reduce the injury caused encase o being hit by the projectile.
Emergency aid.	All	Make sure a qualified first aider is present throughout the activity. Make sure a first aid kit is on-site during the activity.	Dedicated first aiders are available at this camp..

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