

Risk Assessment – GRASS SLEDGING



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Purpose: The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Rhydd Covert SAS Team (voluntary) and visitors are exposed and to identify appropriate control measures.

Scope: The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp

Related Documents:	<p>Generic Risk Assessments</p> <p>RCSC/Act030 – supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site</p> <p>POR</p> <p>Rule 9 – Activities Rule 7.2 - Emergency Procedures Rule 7.4 – Accident Reporting</p> <p>Fact sheets</p> <p>FS120000 – Risk Assessment FS120075 - InTouch FS120081 – Activity Information Form</p> <p>Other</p>
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Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)				
	Helmet	Suitable Footwear		

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It is the duty of all members to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times members must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

Important Note: It is the duty of all members under Regulation 14 of the “Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999” to inform the ‘employer’, i.e. Deputy Camp Wardens, Camp Warden of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment

Minimum Leader Competence	Adult Scout/Guide Member	Minimum Assistant Competence	N/A
Activity Length Time	1 Hour	Minimum Age of Participants	4 Years Old

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GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT



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Task Element	Hazard and harmful effect	Likelihood Info	Initial risk level			Control measures to reduce likelihood	Controlled risk level		
			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening / Closing of Container Lifting weighted objects when lifting and carrying sledges to and from store 	<p>Personal Injury</p> <p>Muscle Strain</p>	<p>Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.</p>	3	4	12	Storage on Mid & Lower shelving. Safe manual handling techniques adopted by supervising adult. Induction hand over by member of RCSAS Team to responsible adult for group doing activity.	3	2	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips, trips and falls 	<p>Carrying Sledges, climbing to the starting position, mounting and dismounting of sledges</p>		3	4	12	Clear trip hazards from area before accessing. Sledges should be transported to sledging site.	3	3	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving parts: Trapping fingers in runners 	<p>Bruising, cuts and abrasions</p>		3	4	12	<p>As per user guidelines : Do not put fingers inside moving tracks on sledges. All users must keep hands inside sledges when riding, hold handles inside. Active and firm group control/ supervision.</p>	3	2	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trapping fingers between sledge and other sledges whilst running 	<p>Bruising, cuts and abrasions</p>		4	4	16	<p>As per user guidelines : All users must keep hands inside sledges when riding, hold handles inside. Ensure sledges running parallel to each other. Stagger starts.</p>	4	2	8

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collisions 	Pedestrians, Trees and Molehills	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.	4	4	16	Establish sledging area to keep by standers at safe distance and establish pedestrian route for re climbing slope. Ensure trackway in front of sledge is clear of pedestrians before initiating run. All users to wear Safety Helmets. All users to wear suitable footwear for safe walking up slope towing sledge.	4	2	8

