

# Risk Assessment

<b>Name of Section or Activity</b>	Dulwich Explorers Snowdonia Hill Walking 19-21 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	<b>Date of risk assessment</b>	31/10/2021	<b>Name of who undertook this risk assessment</b>	Peter Evans
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<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.
Parents or Scouts are not properly prepared for post Covid arrangements	Young People, Leaders, General Public	Clear instructions will be sent to parents in advance of the camp with all the details of Scout requirements This risk assessment will be copied to each leader participating on the camp Attendees requested to take Covid test ahead of weekend No one should attend if they have Covid symptoms or have been asked to self isolate. We will follow government and scout association policy at time of travel. If a scout tests positive or develops Covid symptoms they will be isolated on site, until that child can be returned home.	
Difficulty contacting parents if there is a significant incident	Young People	We will operate an In Touch system so that there is a person offsite who can assist with contacting parents in an emergency. There is internet connection on site so contact can be made with parents & other leaders offsite can be contacted.	
Leaders ongoing training may have lapsed	Young People, Leaders	DBS, Safety and Safeguarding status has been reviewed for all leaders and are up to date. Leaders have up to date First Aid. Valid Hill Walking permit held.	
Risk of injury when travelling	Young People, Adults	Everyone in the vehicles will wear a seatbelt. Leaders driving will have appropriate licences and observe speed limits	
Risk of health issues during weekend		Attendees alerted to layout of accommodation to ensure unnecessary accidents. Leaders should be aware of any medical conditions via parent permission form. Youngsters to be encouraged to discuss any injuries / illness with First Aider	
Risk of accident or contamination during cooking/ meals/ clearing up	Young People, Leaders	Scouts will be reminded on the need for food hygiene as well as safety with knives High risk foods will be stored in fridge. Tables will be wiped down before and after every meal Scouts will wash/ sanitise their hands before they start cooking and when they have finished cooking, as well as handling any potentially contaminated food such as raw meat Scouts will keep their working areas clean throughout food preparation and cooking activities	

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Hygiene of people: higher risk of infection spread if proper hand washing not carried out.	Young People, Leaders,	Regular hand washing to be monitored and encouraged. Use of showers after activities	
Mistakes when navigating – leading to increased risk of all other hazards. Additional consequences of being lost and exhausted, especially if late or after dark.	Young people, leaders	Make sure routes are suitable for people's navigational skills and physical capabilities. Make sure routes are sensible for weather at time of year and short daylight Provide each group with adequate maps, compasses, route instructions, and spares. Ensure Leaders are familiar with proposed route Party Leaders hold appropriate Hill Walking permit	
Roads and traffic – injuries from collisions between vehicles and people.	Young people, leaders	Choose a route with minimal use of roads without a footpath. Brief young people on safety around roads and expected behaviour.	
Weather – rain before and during the hike, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.	Young people, leaders	Monitor weather forecast in advance, if heavy rain / overly wintery conditions forecast then plan alternative activity. Check weather before the activity starts. Advise participants on suitable clothing to wear and carry (including sun protection and waterproofs). Tell everyone to bring a filled water bottle. If it's very hot, plan water stops and refilling if needed. Check everyone's suitably equipped at the start of the hike and have some spare equipment available. Review route before and during the hike considering weather conditions, for example, if it's too hot or wet to continue. Make sure routes have escape routes or alternatives.	
Terrain – uneven ground, branches, nettles, animals, livestock, and so on.	Young people, leaders	Leaders physically check any challenging terrain in advance (or plan an alternative route in case it's too challenging for the group). Advise participants on suitable footwear and check it before the hike. Brief young people on safely navigating the terrain, including avoiding excessive scrambling, overly steep descents etc Leaders carry first aid kits and have appropriate training. Encourage everyone to wear long trousers if concerns over foliage or ticks. Leaders monitor livestock and find alternative routes to avoid crossing fields with livestock in.	
Weather and exposure, risk of getting cold and becoming vulnerable to colds and other illness.	Young People, Leaders,	All members briefed to bring the necessary amount of suitable outerwaterproof and warm clothing. Leaders to be alert for youngsters getting cold on water activities	Cease activity if too cold
Weather and exposure, risk of sunburn or overheating.	Young People, Leaders,	Scouts will all bring a refillable water bottle to avoid dehydration. Unlikely to apply in November but if needed use of sun hat and sunscreen with leaders to encourage application. Strenuous exercise to be made less intense or avoided in particularly high temperatures.	Cease/reduce activity if risk too high
Guidance may change before we go on camp (Government announcement)	Young People, Leaders	IF there is a change in the Scouts or Government Guidelines We will adjust our plans and risk assessment as required in light of any changes liaising with the DC to determine if the risk assessment requires updating and re-approval and will gain that approval before we leave if required, we will also update all participants and young people's parents on any changes required as soon as possible. If guidance changes while we are at camp, we will implement any new rules as far as practical	

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