

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	8 th Chelmsford Scouts – activities outside the Scout's Hut (near to our meeting place)	Date of risk assessment	10/04/2021	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Monika Wiciak
		Date of next review	10/04/2021		

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?
Security: lost children and so on.	Young people	Leaders will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set clear boundaries with all present. • close the gate to our grounds if we're only using this area. • monitor young people and make sure no one wanders off. • do regular head counts. 	
Covid 19	Young people, leaders	Leaders will follow latest Covid 19 guidance Social distancing rules to be followed. Hand sanitisers and cleansing wipes used through activity as required	
Roads and traffic: injuries from collisions between vehicles and people	Young people, leaders	Leaders don't plan to interact with traffic or roads. Leaders will use the gated area next to our meeting place or the nearby parks' areas.	
Weather: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rain before and during the activity, • hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke, • wind – risk of injuries caused by falling objects 	Young people, leaders	Leaders will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor the weather forecast in advance. If heavy rain's or wind's forecast, an alternative activity will be planned. • check weather before the meeting starts. • advise participants on suitable clothing to wear and carry (including sun protection and waterproofs). Everyone will bring a filled water bottle. • check that everyone's suitably equipped at the start of the meeting and have a few spare items available. • monitor young people and return to our meeting place if it gets too hot or the weather deteriorates. 	
Terrain: uneven ground, branches, nettles, and so on.	Young people, leaders	Leaders will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check the outdoor spaces and make sure that the surfaces suit the planned activities and are free of obstacles that may cause hazards. • advise participants on suitable footwear and check everyone's footwear at the start. • encourage everyone to wear long trousers if there are concerns over foliage or ticks. • brief young people on behaviour in the environment, including avoiding brambles, nettles, and so on. • carry first aid kits and PPE kit. 	

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Fire Risk: smoke inhalation or burns	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	To avoid/minimalise smoke inhalation leaders and young people will use dry wood, check wind direction, stand people out of smoke direction. Burns: stay a safe distance from fire, place extra wood on carefully, teach Scouts good practice around fires, have a burns first aid kit easily available. When setting fire outside Scouts' hut fire pit will be used on suitable not flammable surface (i.e. concrete tiles)	
Outdoor equipment (i.e. pop up gazebo) – risk of injuries caused by inappropriate use of equipment	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	Leaders will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• check weather forecast before setting gazebo, if too windy gazebo will not be used.• always follow manual, using weights etc.	
Using garden's, DIY tools	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	Leaders will brief young people on proper use of the tools.	

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