

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Water slip and slide and water fight	Date of risk assessment	11/07/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Vicki Carcary
		Date of next review	11/07/2026		

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?
Injury due to slip, trip, or fall	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Defined activity area. Wait turn before taking turn One way system down the slide. Walk back to the start around the slide, not on the slide. Monitor route is clear before the next participants go. No standing or walking up the tarpaulin. All pegs to be covered that is holding the tarpaulin down. Safety briefing to be given at the start. Leaders to walk around and visually scan the area to ensure no harmful debris on the ground.	
Injury due to collision	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Only 2 participants at one time on the tarpaulin. One way sliding on the tarpaulin.	
Lack of supervision	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	One adult leader to be in control of the waterslide at all times. Leader to give safety briefing before activity commences.	
Faulty equipment	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Visual inspection of equipment prior to use.	
Unsuitable clothing	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Participants to be suitably dressed; swim costume, tshirt. Water shoes are advised, no flip flops or crocs on the slide. No jewellery	
Water Balloons	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	All children advised to avoid aiming above the shoulders. Only balloons to be thrown, no buckets, or hard objects	

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Water guns	young people, adult volunteers, visitors	No aiming above shoulder height No close range firing minimum 3 metres	
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