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| **Name of activity, event, and location** | **Xx Ormskirk Scout Group – Camping on a Greenfield site.**  Remember – this is just a starting point for you to assess the risk of your event and you will need add or take away hazards & controls according to your own findings. **Focus on significant risks.** | **Date of risk assessment** |  | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** |  |
| **Date of next review** |  |

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| **What could go wrong?**  What hazard have you identified?  What are the risks from it? | **Who is at risk?** | **What are you going to do about it?**  How are the risks already controlled?  What extra controls are needed?  How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? | **Review & revise**  What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
| **A hazard** is something that may cause harm or damage.  **The risk** is the harm that may occur from the hazard. | For example: young people,  leaders,  visitors | **Controls** are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it.  For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity. | 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. |
| **Transport to and during event.** | All using Scout provided or organised transport | You can expect to rely on the safety of transport provided either by a commercial operator or by a parent or supporter in a private capacilty.  Some basic checks are made on communal road transport using volunteer drivers: -  Driver’s licence qualification  Basic vehicle safety checks (Tyres, brake function, lights, seat belts) | A pre-driving checklist is included in the RoSPA document: -  <https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/practitioners/minibus-code-of-practice.pdf> |
| **Adventurous Activities during the event** | All joining or affected by the activity | Adventurous activities. See this list: -  <https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/19648/activity_permit_list-jan-23.pdf>  All Scout led adventurous activities will be provided and supervised by an adult with the appropriate permit operating within any restrictions on their permit. | Externally provided activities must be provided and supervised by a provider holding the relevant accreditation or qualification.  Check here: -  <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?orderBy=title%20asc&category=Adventure> |
| **Special activities requiring external qualifications or special arrangements** | All joining or affected by the activity | Scout led activities otherthan adventurous activities but requiring an external qualification (such as target shooting, swimming etc.) will be provided and supervised as required in: -  <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/9-activities/#9.12.4> | Externally provided activities must be provided and supervised by a provider holding the relevant accreditation or qualification  Check here: -  <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?orderBy=title%20asc&category=Adventure> |
| **Site features –**  Risk of injuries from:  Natural features  Plant & equipment | All present | Check out the access to site, the boundaries and any features that may present a risk – for example: activity areas, rock edges, rivers, ponds/lakes etc.  Be aware of any machinery, farming equipment etc. and warn young people. Be clear on arrival if any areas are out of bounds to young people when unsupervised  Ensure appropriate footwear is worn at all times. Avoid barefeet unless activity specific. |  |
| **Water & Waste –**  Infection & vermin | All present | Water carriers should be rinsed out with clean water from the public supply. Periodically water carriers should be disinfected with a proprietary disinfectant “sterilising” fluid or tablets used in accordance with the instructions. (Milton or similar branded products)  If drinking water supply is of doubtful cleanliness water purification will be put in place. Proprietary sterilising tablets or water filters should be used.  Create and use a suitable grease trap for disposing of waste water, keeping away from natural water sources.  What plans have you made for removing rubbish, waste fluids and food from site? |  |
| **Toilet facilities -**  Safeguarding issues,  Environmental impact | Young people and leaders | Ensure tioilet facilities provide appropriate privacy for all users.  Have an appropriate place for disposal of chemical toilet waste.  Ensure that ‘dug’ toilets are to an adequate depth and away from water sources.  Provide appropriate disposal for feminine hygiene products. |  |
| **Field used by grazing animals -**  [Risk of E-coli157](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/campsites-livestock-and-ecoli) | Young people and leaders  Visitors | Is an alternative site available?  Avoid camping with livestock.  Manage the site in advance of camping – refer to factsheet on Ecoli - be clear of grazing animals at least 3 weeks before use.  Increase handwashing facilities, signage and manage awareness of users. |  |
| **Vehicles & people**  Risk of collision & injury | All present | Restrict vehicle access to pedestrian areas as much as possible.  YP to carry kit to camping area. Make more than one trip if needed  If trolleys provided, ensure YP know how to use them responsibly.  Have designated vehicle management person/team if needed |  |
| **Heavy loads and items** - Back or other injuries to adults and young people | All present | Get kit as close to destination by vehicle, if possible – preferably before the young people arrive.  Split loads down to smaller bits if possible.  Supervise young people carrying bigger items – use a trolley if available.  Remind people how to lift and carry safely.  All lifting and dropping of heavy tents and other items to be supervised by adults |  |
| **Tentage, guy lines, trip hazards, Items stored at low level** –  Tripping on guy lines and tent pegs, boxes, natural items | Young people and leaders | If camping or bivouacking under or near to trees be aware of the potential for branch shedding. Make a visual assessment of trees looking out for unusual staining, rot, pools of water in branch junctions, evidence of storm damage or previous branch shedding and avoid such areas.  Instruct and enforce “No running” rules around tents and inside mess tents / marquees.  Choose play areas clear of obstructions, sharp items, rabbit holes, rocks, logs etc or remove obstructions.  Mark any obstacles so clearly visible. (eg by using solar lights and reflective guys)  Keep away from thistles / stinging nettles / barbed fence wire / ponds. Keep young people out of ditches etc if unsupervised. |  |
| **Mallets striking Tent pegs –**  Slippage of mallet  Struck by mallet | All present | Adults to supervise activity and to check mallets are in good condition and not loose or split. Instruction on how to correctly put pegs in.  Check tent pegs are suitable size and condition for the tent guy.  Ensure other young people are standing safely away. |  |
| **Sleeping facilities -**  Safeguarding issues | Young people and leaders | Ensure sleeping facilities provide appropriate division of adults and YP.  Discuss sleeping arrangements with young people and parents beforehand. YP with specific needs will need to be considered and appropriate arrangements made for them  Ensure young people can safely enter and exit their tents without causing harm.  **No fuel burning appliances to be used inside sleeping or activity tents. This includes lamps, stoves and disposable BBQ’s** |  |
| **Food –**  Food poisoning | Young people and leaders | Plan menu to suit facilities available.  Ensure full prior knowledge of allergies and dietary requirements and that these are met.  **Be aware of the potential for campers’ own supply of food being shared and presenting unappreciated risk.**  Ensure correct storage and handling of food.  Check HQ guidance on [Food Safety](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/guidance-for-food-safety/)  All to clean hands thoroughly before and after food preparing and before consuming food. |  |
| **Tables –**  Risk of collapse during cooking and activity |  | Check tables are in good repair; properly and safely put up, eg: legs locked, trestles stable, put small table feet on boards if used on grass, ensure level and stable. |  |
| **LPG gas bottles**  Gas hoses and cooking equipment  Leakage of gas, fire and [carbon monoxide](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/using-gas-safely/carbon-monoxide/). | Young people and leaders | Hoses and regulators checked for good condition and hoses are in date – before camp and by leaders during camp. Hoses secured to kit by hose clips.  Always use gas stoves or lamps in well ventilated areas, outdoors if possible. LPG cylinders positioned outside tents and doors open during use for good ventilation. Possible use of carbon monoxide monitor.  Fire extinguisher / fire blanket / fire bucket positioned outside tent near to cook area  Fire Alarm & evacuation Procedure set up for the whole camp  Check HQ guidance on <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/using-gas-safely/>    Gas cooking and lighting equipment to be used in controlled areas.  Extreme care with liquid fuel light systems used .(eg Hurricane lamps)  Make sure any stoves and lamps inc. Trangias, Multifuel, Coleman fuelled, petrol fuelled and paraffin fuelled are only used, filled and re-filled by trained people. Incandescent mantles in gas and liquid fuelled lamps must be intact, with no holes and mantles only replaced by the correct mantle by trained people when the lamp has cooled  Take care with and supervise the use of storm kettles (Kelly Kettles) ensure the stopper is removed when heating.  Battery torches only in sleeping tents. No smoking or cooking in sleeping tents |  |
| **Cooking –**  hot surfaces  Hot liquids,  Cooking fats  Risk of fire  Burns | Young people and leaders | Ensure kitchen area is safe and hygenic.  Keep area clear of obstructions and trip hazards.  Portable cooking equipment should be mounted on sturdy tables.  Fire fighting equipment should be in the kitchen area and the team familiar with its use.  Gas appliances (eg: fridge, boiler) should be on a sturdy level surface, with pilot flame vents kept clear.  Flames to be kept as far away as possible from flammable material (shelter/tent side). Use of cooker guards where possible.  YP only to be allowed in kitchen if they are designated to help.  Adult use of kitchen to be established in such a way as to prevent over crowding. Access to some services provided elsewhere/ more conveniently if necessary (eg: hot drink making).  Kitchen first aid kit to be at hand. Event First Aider to be called if first aid required. |  |
| **Lightweight cooking equipment –**  Risk of fire, spread of flame, burns and  [Carbon monoxide](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/using-gas-safely/carbon-monoxide/) |  | Maximise the distance between tents by using all the available space. Aim to separate tents by 3m. if space allows. Always ensure a 6m separation distance between any tent or structure where gas, liquid or solid fuel is being used and any other tent, vehicle or open fire. Larger bonfires will need a greater separation distance to prevent wind-blown sparks from damaging or igniting tent fabric.  No cooking in sleeping tents – what other shelter/shade from wind and weather can be used to discourage this?  Clearly explain the dangers to all users, both YP and adults.  Tie back long hair and avoid loose clothing around fires and naked flames –. Do not reach over fires or flames.  Check HQ guidance on <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/using-gas-safely/> and [Trangias](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/how-to-use-a-meth-burning-stove-safely/) and [Aerosol](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/keeping-safe-at-camp/how-to-use-a-aerosol-gas-stove-safely/) stoves. |  |
| **Using Open Fires** –  Risk of burns from mistakes or misuse.  Starting fires - creating sparks | All present | Restrict access by using in a defined area. Leaders to supervise young people when they’re using hot items. Consider appropriate Group size.  Keep area around the fire free of trip hazards  Keep woodpile well away from the fire - at least 2 metres  Brief young people on safe use of cooking equipment or fire before use and on the possible dangers of firelighting.  Have rules for firelighting including – for example: no picking up burning wood; no throwing objects onto the fire; hold wood at one end and lower onto the fire with your fingers near the ground. No removing wood from the fire once it has been put on.  To start a fire only use kindling or bought fire lighters. Do NOT use accelerants on the fire (any substance or mixture that accelerates or speeds the development and escalation of fire) – such as petrol, lighter fuel and other spirits.  Avoid loose clothing around fires – watch out for open coats, sleeves and scarves. Tuck them in and keep coats, hoodies fastened. Tie back loose hair. Do not reach over fires or flames.  Do not allow fires to become too large for the location/ activity  Make sure there is an appropirate first aid kit available and that leader training is up to date.  Make sure that cold water is available nearby – there should be at least a bucket, running water is best if possible. |  |
| **Personal Hygeine**  Illness, infections | All present | Leaders ensure good hygiene standards and brief YP on the importance of maintaining throughout camp  Wash hands after going to the loo and all field activities and before eating.  Hand washing area set up and regularly maintained by leader team.  Make sure to use clean cooking / eating utensils. |  |
| **Axe and saw** – risk of injury to non-participants or observers and those undertaking the task. | All present | Create a safe cutting area ([check guidance](https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-05/Axe%20and%20Saw%20-%20Factsheet_0.pdf) for safe size and distances).  Ensure all equipment is kept secure when not in use and supervise when being used.  Esnure suitable competence for those using the equipment.  Ppropriate protective equipment worn.  All adults to follow guidelines for safe use |  |
| **Behaviour** – risk of overexcitement, especially at the start of camp. | All present | Clear expectations to be given to YP and parents before start of camp.  Section code of conduct to be followed.  LIC to be aware of potential for misuse of pocket and bushcraft knives the personal possessions of campers.  Smoking should not be allowed in tents.  Event & activities to be well planned and timetabled to allow time for letting off steam as well as calming down at appropriate times.  Leader in charge to monitor behaviour and change activity if necessary.  Leaders and helpers to supervise free time.  YP to have clear guidance on where to seek help and support. |  |
| **Appropriate adults –**  Injuries from poor management of camp, activities and facilities | All adults | All leaders and helpers to have completed appropriate personal checks and mandatory training.  Event run by a Nights Away Permit holder. Correct permissions for event gained and Risk Assessments logged with DC.  Appropriate child:adult ratios in place at all times. Consideration made of whether extra adult is help needed for the specific event and/or specific child  Ensure all leaders and helpers are aware of level of support needed for younger groups (eg. At meal times).  Adequate rest time and ‘peaceful space’ planned in for leaders. |  |
| **Weather**  Sunstroke, hyperthermia, hypothermia  Injury | Young People,  Leaders, Helpers | Shade and shelter available outside.  Adults to ensure YP are guided and supported to wear appropriate clothing/protection according to weather conditions.  Drinks available at all times. Leaders to ensure YP maintain fluid levels.  Sun cream/hats, full waterproofs/hats/gloves on kit list.  Spare clothes, hats and bedding available.  Contingency plans in place if weather has an adverse effect on activities. |  |
| **Incidents –**  Risk of prolonged/increased injuries from lack of management | All present | Designated First Aider in place.  Details of emergency department of hospital and local doctors.  Ensure robust InTouch process is in place.  Medication to be stored securely and designated leader to supervise schedule of taking medicines. Emergency medications to be ready to hand (eg epi pens)  Purple Cards issued to all Leaders and Helpers. |  |
| **Infection control**  **(inc covid 19 precautions)** | All present | Anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection who has a high temperature or who does not feel well enough to carry out normal activities will be advised to stay at home and not join the event.  Any person developing symptoms of respiratory infection during the event should sleep in separate accommodation and should maintain social distancing as far as practicable. When in a confined space with others a FFP2 face covering should be worn.  If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not join a nights away event for 3 days after the day they took the test  Children and young people who are home contacts of someone who has a positive COVID-19 test will not be prevented from attending an event.  Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result will not join a nights away event for 5 days after the day they took the test.  Tick borne infections. In many parts of the UK but especially in terrain frequented by sheep and deer there is a risk of disease from ticks such as Lyme disease and, from 2023 in the UK tick borne encephalitis, the risk is small and can be reduced by awareness, self examination, tick removal and access to later medical attention. A Leader should be aware of the UK advice at: -  <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1148613/Tick-awareness-A5-leaflet-April-2023.pdf>  You will need to share this advice with parents so they can take any post event action required.  Note that ticks will migrate to the upper thigh and groin and a useful removal hierarchy is: -   1. Instructed self removal 2. Trusted same sex friend removal 3. Chaperoned same sex leader/adult removal 4. Local medical facility removal. | Unvaccinated adults and vulnerable people will be identified and will take the following precautions.  They should have separate sleeping spaces, sharing only with family members.   * Be advised to get vaccinated against COVID-19 – everyone aged 12 and over can [book vaccination appointments](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination-old/book-coronavirus-vaccination/) * wait for at least 14 days after you've had your 2nd dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before meeting with people. * meet people outside if possible. * open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside. * limit the number of people you meet and avoid crowded places. * wear a face covering in shops, on public transport and when it's hard to stay away from other people (particularly indoors or in crowded places)   wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day |
| **Contingency Arrangements** | **All joining in alternative contingency activity** | **If a planned activity cannot be undertaken or completed and alternative activities, venues or locations are used these, if not covered by the event risk assessment, will be separately risk assessed by the event leadership team and communicated to participants. The event authorising commissioner and GSL/DESCOMM, if not present will be notified of significant departures from planned activities etc.** | **Contingency risk assessments will be recorded. (Notes, voice notes, email etc) and retained.** |
| **What other Hazards arising do you need to consider?**  **Never be afraid to stop an activity if it is becoming unsafe!**  This Risk Assessment does not cover activities (eg: games, free time, open fires, outings, contingency plans), which will each require their own. You may also need to consider any specific individual needs.  Check [Activities A-Z](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/programme-guidance/general-activity-guidance/) to see if any need Permits or qualifications to run them.  There are [Example risk assessments](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/risk-assessments/example-risk-assessments/)  to use as a starting point  Don‘t forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can t do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities. | | | |