

# Scouting Risk Assessment – Orienteering



Date of risk assessment	1/2/24	Name/Role of who undertook this risk assessment	Ben Shirvill
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Earleywood Scout Campsite

Hazard Identified? / 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?
<p><b>Hazard</b> – something that may cause harm or damage.  <b>Risk</b> – the chance of it happening.</p>	<p>Young people,                      Leaders,                      Visitors.</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Slips, Trips, Cuts &amp; Falls</b>                      Trip Hazards i.e. Earleywood is a natural wood, as with any woodland area uneven floor and woodland debris are present. Also animals and insects are present.</p>	<p>Everyone involved in the session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge rules/instructions explained to participants during briefing.</li> <li>• Boundaries to be identified during the briefing and time limit given.</li> <li>• Participants to wear appropriate footwear, shoelaces tied.</li> <li>• Leader in charge to have first aid kit or be aware of where nearest one is.</li> <li>• Establish procedures before activity starts for participants in the event of an injury.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodical checks / Be aware of any objects on the ground and remove trip hazards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Drowning</b>                      Streams, drainage ditches located on site</p>	<p>Everyone involved in the session.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge set perimeter boundary between water and young people.</li> <li>• Safety talk before activity begins</li> <li>• Do not walk within 2m of water.</li> <li>• Avoid deep water</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Medical Incident/Injury</b></p>	<p>Everyone involved in the session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge to have readily available an adult with current mandatory module 10 first aid training.</li> <li>• Leader in charge to have first aid kit.</li> <li>• Leader in charge/activity instructor to be aware of where nearest first aid kit is located (Scout Centre kitchen and Rowney Building kitchen).</li> <li>• Leader in charge to have available and be aware of all medical/allergy conditions and reasonable adjustments of everyone at risk.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants with reasonable adjustments to be located nearest the activity instructor and if necessary have a competent person supporting them</li> <li>• Leader in charge to be aware of Earleywood incident action plan and follow it.</li> <li>• Leader in charge establish procedures in the event of an injury at beginning of session.</li> <li>• Leader in charge to maintain young person/adult ratio</li> </ul>	
<b>Slips, Trips, Cuts, Bites &amp; Falls</b>	Everyone involved in the session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge to survey the activity area before starting to prevent participants having an incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mark locations of obstacles in the ground</li> <li>○ Remove loose debris to a safe location</li> <li>○ Mark locations of insect infestations and nests</li> <li>○ Mark locations of low lying stinging or scratchy plants</li> <li>○ Identify boundaries.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wear appropriate footwear and shoelaces to be tied.</li> <li>• Walk, no running</li> <li>• Ensure the activity area is suitable for use, kept clear and tidy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodical checks / Be aware of any objects on the ground and remove trip hazards.</li> </ul>
<b>Overcrowding and disorderly behaviour</b>	Everyone involved in the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge/activity instructor rules/instructions explained to participants during briefing.</li> <li>• Leader in charge to remain with the group.</li> <li>• Activity instructor to stop activity immediately if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are too many participants using the activity</li> <li>○ The participants behaviour is unacceptable or unruly</li> <li>○ No leader is present from the participants group</li> <li>○ Consider safety of participants is at risk</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Leader in charge to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the activity instructor before the activity starts again.</li> </ul>	
<b>Animal Encounter – Wild/Domestic</b>	Everyone involved in the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not approach animal.</li> <li>• Do not encourage animal to approach you.</li> <li>• Maintain safe distance between you and the animal.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge to scare away the animal without causing physical harm.</li> </ul>	
<b>Animal Faeces</b>	Everyone involved in the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader in charge to survey the activity area before starting, remove and dispose of animal faeces.</li> <li>• Any animal faeces identified while participating in the activity, pause activity and Leader in charge to remove and dispose of animal faeces.</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather Conditions &amp; Environment</b>	Everyone involved in the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring clothing and equipment appropriate to the weather conditions.</li> <li>• In event of inclement weather, the activity instructor may cancel or postpone the activity, in the meanwhile Leader in charge to find a point of safety.</li> <li>• In hot weather ensure adequate hydration and self-administration of sun protection.</li> <li>• Use torches if dark.</li> <li>• Wear close toed footwear (i.e. no sandals/ flip flops, etc)</li> <li>• Turn on activity flood lighting as appropriate</li> </ul>	
<b>Missing Persons</b> Lost individual in distress	Everyone involved in the session.	<p>Leader in charge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take regular HEAD COUNTS</li> <li>• Take register before activity starts.</li> <li>• Have In-Touch arrangements accessible.</li> <li>• Check mobile phone connectivity is available.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unauthorised Access</b> Activity area left unattended Equipment unattended Theft Injury	Everyone involved in the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment to be locked away securely whilst not in use.</li> <li>• Participants must never be left alone with equipment.</li> </ul>	

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