

Risk Assessment – camping

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Control Measures
Fire from stoves etc	All involved	<p>No cooking in tents</p> <p>No smoking in tents</p> <p>Ensure exits are clear</p> <p>Explorers & Scouts to only use stoves after instruction & with leaders supervision.</p> <p>Careful storage of inflammables.</p> <p>First aid and cold water available</p> <p>Where possible fire fighting equipment available.</p> <p>Correct set up of gas stoves (check for leaks prior to lighting)</p> <p>Don't leave a lit stove unattended</p>
Fire (open fires for cooking)	All involved	<p>Instruction and supervision of Scouts when lighting and using open fires</p> <p>Use either supplied alter fires or proper fire pits to be dug in ground</p> <p>Keep open fires at least 20 feet from any tent</p> <p>Alter fires to be placed on a stable platform before use</p> <p>Ash/part burnt wood to be well doused and put onto designated ash pile at site</p>
Scalds & burns from cooking.	All involved	<p>Any lighted stick stays in the fire Leader supervision of cooking.</p> <p>Explorers & Scouts only to use stoves after instruction.</p> <p>First aid available</p> <p>Cold water available.</p> <p>Supervised use of hot liquids.</p> <p>Warn Scouts of residual heat in equipment</p>
Food poisoning	All involved	<p>Ensure adequate clean drinking water supply.</p> <p>Ensure food is cooked thoroughly.</p> <p>Ensure food is stored safely especially in hot weather.</p> <p>Ensure clean equipment, facilities & hand washing.</p> <p>Ensure food is within date</p>

Hunger, tiredness, etc.	All involved	<p>Ensure Explorers & Scouts eat enough.</p> <p>Ensure Explorers & Scouts get adequate sleep.</p>
Hygiene	All involved	<p>Ensure suitable toilet and washing facilities available</p> <p>The facilities are checked on a regular basis by the campsite staff</p> <p>Water available for hand washing prior to preparation and eating of food</p>
Danger from member of the public.	All involved	<p>Explorers & Scouts instructed to stay in groups.</p> <p>Explorers & Scouts not to go off alone.</p> <p>Leaders to know where Explorers & Scouts are. Explorers & Scouts to know where leaders are.</p> <p>Supervision by leaders</p>
Tents erection	All involved	<p>Tents should be erected away from one another</p> <p>Leader to check that tent is erected correctly</p>
General	All involved	<p>Know local conditions, weather etc.</p> <p>First aid available.</p> <p>Leaders to have working knowledge of first aid.</p> <p>Ongoing risk assessments to be made throughout.</p> <p>Clear boundaries set for Explorers & Scouts.</p> <p>Child protection guidelines to be followed at all times.</p> <p>Leaders supervision to agreed</p> <p>Group details & emergency contacts available.</p> <p>Emergency procedures understood by all leaders</p>
Ankle injuries due to pot holes / uneven surfaces	All involved	<p>Advise all on camp to use recognised paths</p>
Injuries due to tripping / falling	All involved	<p>Extra care required after dusk when moving around site</p> <p>Site to be kept tidy at all times</p> <p>Briefing at start of camp informing Scouts of the topography of the site, not to run around woods, tents or open fires</p> <p>Block off areas in between tents. Mark Guy lines</p> <p>No games near tents.</p> <p>Adequate staff supervision.</p>
After dark	All participants	<p>Battery lamps only to be used in tents</p>
Tables	Leaders	<p>Torches to be used when moving around the site after dark</p> <p>Tables for housing stoves and kitchen equipment to be made stable prior to loading</p>

Waste	All participants	<p>Site stove table at least 1m from side of mess tent Waste food to be placed into bin sacks and disposed of in site waste bins</p>
		<p>Wet waste to be drained through 'grease pit' (sited behind mess tent at base of bush) and 'filter' changed and put in waste bin everyday</p>
Knife, Axe and saw	All participants	<p>Scouts not to use knife, axe or saw without instruction from a leader</p>
		<p>Scouts under 12 years old hand knives to a leader to store over night</p>
		<p>Only use axe and saw in suitable chopping area (area assessed by leader)</p>
		<p>Only use axe and saw when wearing suitable strong footwear and loose clothing/hair tied out of the way</p>
		<p>First aid kit and first aider available at all times on group site</p>

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