



Risk Assessment

Name of activity, event and location	Cranham Scout Centre Cave Bus	Date of risk assessment	11/11/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Brandon Ely Operations Manager
		Date of next review	11/11/2026		

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? The Session Leader will...	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Accident or injury due to lack of supervision/misbehaviour	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have their own group-specific risk assessment in place prior to the session and will have communicated it to all adult helpers involved. provide at least one responsible adult, in addition to the Session Leader to manage the behaviour of participants waiting to use the cave bus. ensure the leaders can open and close all the hatches prior to the session. ensure there is a contactable first aider on site during the session. 	
Cuts and grazes because of crawling	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure that participants are wearing long sleeves and long trousers. 	
Head injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> check that the helmets and their straps and fastenings are in a sound, usable condition before the session. check that the helmets are not loose on the participants heads' once fitted, by getting them to shake their heads forwards. check that there are sufficient functioning torches and spare batteries before the session. report and return any defective equipment to the Operations Manager 	

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Danger of overcrowding/claustrophobic attack within the cave bus causing danger of panic/fainting	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure that no more than 6 participants are in the cave bus at any one time. brief the participants not to enter the bus until the person who entered immediately before them has cleared the first section of passageway. brief the participants to knock on the side of the bus and shout "Get me Out please" if they wish to exit at any time. 	
Premature rushed exit from cave bus from a hatch causing injury to limbs, heads, backs, sprains, pulled muscles.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if possible, get any participant who wishes to exit the bus prematurely, to exit at the end away from the tow hitch, which could be a trip hazard. If this is not possible, the Leader will open the nearest hatch to the participant and advise them how to exit safely, encouraging them to do it slowly. The Leader will advise the participant if they need to turn over to be face downwards before exiting, depending on their position at the point of exit. 	
Slips, trips and falls causing accident and injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brief participants about the danger of rushing down the exit slope, which may be slippery and will always position a responsible adult at this point. 	
Jewellery could cause tears to the skin or other injuries or be lost within the bus.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure that all jewellery is removed or taped up. 	

Review due:-

A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, recommended every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.

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 halfway 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.

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