



Risk Assessment

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| Name of activity, event and location | Cranham Scout Centre Grass Sledging | 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? |
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| Accidents or incidents requiring first aid | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure there is a group-specific risk assessment in place before the session. | |
| Injury to hands, arms, legs and feet requiring first aid | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ask parents to send participants in clothing that covers arms and legs, to wear sturdy, enclosed footwear (no sandals or flip-flops) and to wear gloves. | |
| Defective equipment causing injury | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will that the ensure helmets and sledges are in good condition before use, including checking the sledges for cracks and loose rollers. Remove any defective equipment from use and report it to the Operations Manager. | |
| Accidents or incidents requiring first aid | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> check the weather forecast and have a plan for adverse conditions, such as rain or cold. Reduce the slope length or suspend the activity, if the grass is wet, as braking may be ineffective. | |
| Slips, trips and falls causing injury | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will instruct participants not to run at any time, especially downslope. | |
| Hands being run over or crushed because of impact with another sledge. | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will brief participants to keep their hands on the handles of the sledges. | |



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| Collision with objects including other sledges causing injury | Participants and bystanders | <p>will ensure the area used is free from bumps, molehills, rabbit holes, debris, trees that could be crashed into and has a clear level runout area and that bystanders know to stand well clear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure the participants wear helmets and ensure they are securely fitted.• only allow one sledge down the slope at a time.• check if the slope and stopping area are clear before starting a run and instruct participants not to start a run without permission from the Session Leader. | |
| Falling out of sledge causing injury | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• brief participants on the correct method for mounting and dismounting a sledge.• warn of the dangers of falling out of the sledge whilst it is moving and advise on how to avoid this happening. | |
| Ticks – can sometimes cause Lyme disease | Participants | <p>ensure participants and their parents are aware of the signs of, and the precautions to take, relating to tick bites.</p> | |
| Accidents or incidents requiring first aid | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have a mobile phone which has sufficient signal with them during the session.• have a first-aid box and be able to contact qualified first aider who is present on site during the session.• report all accidents via the QR code displayed on site, or failing that, directly to the Operations Manager. | |

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.

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for Section Volunteers and at scouts.org.uk/safety