



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Grass Sledging Risk Assessment (please also read Generic Site RA)

Activity: GRASS SLEDGING		Reviewed By: Barry Goswell				Updated: Apr 2023		
Reviewed if methods change and/or after incidents, NOT reviewed annually								
Activity/Hazard	Who is at risk	Before Control Measures			Control Measures	After Control Measures		
		Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating	Please see Generic Site Risk Assessment for explanation of risk ratings	Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating
Accidents and First Aid								
Instructor Qualifications	Staff, users & other site users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific qualifications or permits are required to run grass sledging, but the instructor must be fully trained and signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid Explorer Crew aged 14 or over can supervise sessions but only if fully trained & signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid For self-led sessions, the activity must be supervised by a responsible person who takes overall charge of the session and has signed the related conditions of use. This should ideally be someone aged 18 or over Instructors must be aware of this Risk Assessment & the Generic Site RA 	1	2	2
Previous or current Medical injury\condition	Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that participants have no injuries or suffer with back/neck problems Ensure no one has internal organ complaints that will be affected by the activity Anyone who feels unwell, suffering from the effects of drugs/ alcohol or pregnancy must not take part 	1	1	1
Choking	Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure no food or drink including chewing gum etc. is being consumed during the activity 	1	2	2
Injury due to personal belongings	Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the participants do not have any personal items such as phones or keys in their pockets. 	1	1	1

Failure of equipment	Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked for obvious faults before, during and after each session Any damage should be reported to the Duty Manager & the equipment should not be used until inspected, repaired & deemed safe All equipment has a detailed inspection quarterly & results logged 	1	3	3
First Aid required	Staff, users, other site users	2	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group is responsible for having their own First Aid kit All staff on site is first aid trained and large First Aid kits are available at Reception, Providore & Crew Hut All staff aware of site emergency plan and carry a site radio 	1	3	3
Grass Sledge Specific Safety								
General use of Grass Sledges	Staff, users & other site users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max group size of 12 for 6 Grass Sledges Safety talk given to participants at start of session The manufacturer's instructions are all stated on a sticker on each sledge & must be followed 	1	3	3
Falling from Glass Sledge	Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one person per sledge Remain seated at all times Hold onto handle at all times 	2	2	4
Riding Sledges Trapped fingers in runners	Users	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold onto handle at all times so keeping hands & legs inside the sledge 	1	2	2
Collisions of sledges or with bystanders	Staff, users & other site users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a clearly defined sledge run. If the site is busy, such as a large event, then consider cones and/or taping off run Await clearance of slope before the next sledges are released Walk back up the outside of the sledging zone when returning to top of sledge 	1	3	3
Collision with obstruction	Users	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure location is free of obstructions, especially at the bottom of the slopes and there is a safe run out area 	1	2	2
Condition of slope	Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check before any large cracks or ruts have appeared before first run 	1	2	2

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During heavy rain or snow/ice the slope could become too slippery to use 			
Manual Handling								
Injury from lifting and carrying equipment	Staff & Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to use site vehicle to tow sledges trailer to slope, usually Farleigh Field • Trailer emptied & moved away from slope so that users don't play with trailer • Brief and monitor correct manual handling techniques to the group • "If it's bigger than you, it takes two" approach to be taken when lifting or moving objects • Participants to be made aware of who is around them and what possible hazards to look for before carrying or placing equipment commences 	1	2	2

The areas below were considered and weren't deemed a risk at the time of the assessment:

Falls from Height	Electrical Safety	Gas Safety
Hazardous Buildings/Glazing	Food Hygiene	Fire Safety
Display Screen Equipment	Plant and Machinery	Lighting
COSHH		