



# FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

## Orienteering Risk Assessment (please also read Generic Site RA)

Activity: ORIENTEERING		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	
<b>Accidents and First Aid</b>									
Instructor Qualifications	Staff, users & other site users	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific qualifications or permits are required to run orienteering, but the instructor must be fully trained and signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid</li> <li>Explorer Crew aged 14 or over can supervise sessions but only if fully trained &amp; signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid</li> <li>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. The instructor/responsible person should ideally be 18 years old or over</li> <li>Instructors must be aware of this Risk Assessment &amp; the Generic Site RA</li> </ul>	1	1	1	
Failure of equipment	Users	1	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The only equipment used are the course markers, clipboards, pencils &amp; maps\ answer sheet which are no significant risk</li> <li>Any missing or damaged markers or equipment should be reported to the Duty Manager</li> <li>All equipment has a detailed inspection monthly &amp; results logged</li> </ul>	1	1	1	
First Aid required	Staff, users, other site users	1	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group is responsible for having their own First Aid kit</li> </ul>	1	1	1	

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff on site is first aid trained and large First Aid kits are available at Reception, Providore &amp; Crew Hut</li> <li>• Leader to advise participants that no-one should go off on their own in case they get injured</li> <li>• Sub-groups minimum size of 4 or more ideal so a pair can get help in case of accident &amp; one can stay with injured party</li> <li>• All staff aware of site emergency plan and carry a site radio</li> </ul>			
Getting Lost	Users	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group leader should do a head count at beginning &amp; end of the session</li> <li>• Leader to advise participants that no-one should go off on their own as easier to get lost, sub-groups minimum size of 4 or more ideal</li> <li>• All sub-groups have at least two maps</li> <li>• “Frylands Boundary” signs are on the borders with the golf club &amp; adjoining woods at obvious exit points</li> <li>• Participants advised to walk downhill if they do get lost as will bring them down to the road or office</li> <li>• Participants should have a phone, watch or stopwatch to know what time they should return</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Slips, Trips &amp; Falls</b>								
Tripping whilst moving around the site	Staff, users & other site users	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site to ensure obvious trip hazards removed but impossible to remove all from woodland environment</li> <li>• Leader to advise participants not to run in wooded areas. OK to run with care on paths &amp; open areas</li> </ul>	2	2	4
Weather conditions	Staff, users & other site users	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy rain or cold weather can cause the ground to become slippery so extra care should be taken or consider not doing the activity</li> </ul>	1	1	1

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

Fire Safety

Electrical Safety

Gas Safety

Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre

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Control of Hazardous Substances  
Display Screen Equipment  
Food Hygiene

Plant and Machinery  
Lighting  
Falls from Height

Hazardous Buildings/Glazing  
Manual Handling