



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Pioneering Risk Assessment (please also read Generic Site RA)

Activity: PIONEERING		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 pioneering, 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. The instructor/ responsible person must be 18 years old 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 Anyone who feels unwell, suffering from the effects of drugs/alcohol or pregnancy must not take part 		1	2	2
Equipment failure	Staff & 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 		1	2	2

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment has a detailed inspection quarterly & results logged 			
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
Accidents General	Staff, users & other site users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety talk given to participants at start of session. • Max group size of 12 to 15 • Ensure the build area is clear from bystanders & other site users. • Cone and/or tape if busy such as large event 	1	3	3
Injuries arising from structure falling apart or unsafe construction	Users	2	3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity leader to check construction before participants are allowed to move or climb on the structure • Activity leader to check the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lashings are tight and secure ○ Frame does not twist if pushed ○ Excess ropes tied away and not trailing • Activity leader to guide construction as required 	1	3	3
Manual Handling								
Injury from lifting and carrying equipment	Staff & users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment moved from store to site for use by vehicle & trailer if available. • 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
Slips, Trips and Falls								
Trip hazards	Staff & users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check area is clear of branches etc 	1	2	2

Slips	Staff & users	3	2	4	• Ground may become too slippery in wet or snowy conditions. Stop session if required	1	2	2
Lighting								
Insufficient light increases risk of accidents	Staff, users & other site users	2	2	4	• Use a floodlit area for evening sessions • If on the activity field, the Summer house should be switched on before the session	1	2	2
Electrical Safety								
Shock from lights	Staff & Users	1	3	3	• Simple permanent circuits with appropriately IP rated LED lights used • Tested in the 5-year cycle of building electrical testing with the Summer house	1	3	3

All the items below were considered in this assessment and were not considered a risk:

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