

Risk assessment- Obstacle course

Name of activity, event, and location	Obstacle course, Squirrels goes nuts 14 th September 2024	Date of risk assessment	3/9/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Daniel Skinner
		Date of next review	2/9/2024		

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?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</p>
Nature of terrain, slips, trips, and falls – personal injuries, sprains, and strains.	All Participants	<p>Choose an area with suitable terrain for the build and check for natural hazards in the build area. Activity to be undertaken during daylight hours only. All participants to be checked for suitable footwear and attire for nature of activity.</p>	
Cargo Net falls, getting caught - personal injuries, sprains, and strains.	Young People	<p>One-way system to reduce clashes and one at a time to avoid anyone going to the edge. Cargo net to be no higher than 1.5m of the ground so that young people can be reached if required. Have constant spotters to ensure young people do not fall Clear instructions to avoid going near the edges of the cargo net Ensure the sides of the net are higher than the centre to prevent potential falls</p>	
Weather – injury from slipping on wet equipment, illness from exposure to extreme conditions, collapse or excess movement of structure due to high winds	All Participants	<p>If the equipment gets too wet that aspect of the activity will be stopped. If the wind becomes strong the cargo net will be closed due to the increased risk. Leader in charge to be conscious of the weather at all times.</p>	

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Structures collapsing – crush injuries, lacerations, and fractures.	All Participants	Ensure the structures are well built and tested appropriately. Limit the number of participants on any aspect of the structure at any given time	
Short Pipe – hitting head on the top of the pipe when crawling through, infection risk from crawling through if not clean	All Participants	Ensure the pipe is cleaned before participation Issue clear advice before going through the pipe to be careful of bumping heads	
Phobias – fears of heights or small space	All Participants	Not to pressure any individual into participating if they don't want to	

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