

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Foot Pool Braggerswood Campsite	Date of risk assessment	26 August 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Juliet Gregson
		Date of next review	25 August 2025		

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?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	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.	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.
For example: Hazard: fire Risk: smoke inhalation or burns	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	Smoke: use dry wood, check wind direction, stand people out of smoke direction. Burns: stay a safe distance from fire, place extra wood on carefully, teach Scouts good practice around fires, have a burns first aid kit easily available.	
User safety – participants and spectators at risk from kicked balls	All	Players to wear suitable footwear, which is secure on feet – to protect feet, and avoid shoes flying off and hitting someone. Laces tied to reduce trip hazard. Balls should not be kicked hard or above knee height. Players instructed NOT to tackle each other, but to take turns to kick the white ball slowly to hit another ball to pot into the end or middle pockets.	
Over enthusiastic and inappropriate behaviour Risk of injury	All	Adult Supervision at all times	
Trips and falls	All	Appropriate footwear, if laces ensure tied. Aware of slippery surface when wet – walk not run when playing. No standing on balls Care when stepping over foot-pool game area raised edges so not to trip Only one player on foot-pool game area at a time, other players standing clear while awaiting their turn.	
Unruly behaviour	All	Balls should not be kicked with force or used as throwing objects. Players should take turns. Adult supervision at all times.	

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 half way 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 leaders and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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