

5th Dunstable ScoutGroup - Risk Assessment

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Leader lead night hike			Date of next review
Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling
Extreme weather – possibly causing hypothermia, sun or heat stroke, dehydration	Party	Monitor weather in advance of activity, if heavy rain forecast consider alternative activity. Check weather before start of hike.	
		Appropriate clothing to be worn for hot/cold weather. In hot weather remember hat and sunblock.	
		Check everyone’s dress at start and those with inappropriate dress should not be allowed to participate.	
		In hot weather, ensure that all participants carry a waterbottle and keep hydrated throughout the activity	
Mistake with navigation - increased risk of unknown hazards, exhaustion.	Party	Leader to have planned journey and alternatives in case of trains being unavailable	
		Charged mobile phones to be carried by adults. Adults to carry whistles.	
		Head count to be carried out before start and before moving to any new location, for example getting on and off trains.	
		Adult to walk to front of hike and another to bring up the rear of the hikers.	
Roads and Traffic – injuries from collision between vehicles and party members	Party	Avoid roads for a night hike if at all possible	
		Brief party about crossing and walking along Roads	
		Adults directly supervise crossing (one on each side of the crossing point). Use designated crossing points if possible.	
		Brief party on safety of stations and when on the train. Avoid busy periods on stations and trains where possible.	
		Leaders at the front and back of the group.	
		Walk single file when on a road.	
Injury along route - trips falls etc		Group leader to carry first aid kit and have appropriate training.	
		Advise participants on suitable footwear prior to leaving site	
Water - canals, lakes etc	Party	Where possible avoid routes which require walking close to water	
		Advise participants of water hazard, where possible keep on the far side of the path from the water	
		Increase the regularity of head counts	
		A leader to be last to enter a train.	

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Losing member of the party	Party	All members to enter through the same train doors or with a larger group at least 2 adults per door.			
		Brief party on what to do if left behind at a station i.e. make their way to a help point, radio the station manager and stay at that point until a leader arrives to collect them.			
		Book in with all venues visited, providing adult phone numbers			
		Set up a meeting point for all members to meet at if lost.			

Considerations for Squirrels

Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling
Squirrels- increased risk of wandering off due to distraction	Young People	Regular counts. Assign the young people a leader that they walk with.	
		Be aware of potential distractions and keep a closer eye in these areas	

Considerations for Beavers

Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling
Beavers - increased risk of wandering off due to distraction	Young People	Regular counts. Assign the young people a leader that they walk with.	
		Be aware of potential distractions and keep a closer eye in these areas	

Considerations for Cubs

Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling
Cubs- increased risk of wandering off due to distraction	Young People	Regular counts. Assign the young people a leader that they walk with.	
		Be aware of potential distractions and keep a closer eye in these areas	

Considerations for Scouts

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