

5th Dunstable ScoutGroup - Risk Assessment

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Hazard/Risk	To Whom	Controls	Changes which need controlling	
Hazard - Nature of terrain. Risk - Slips, trips and falls.	All	Check for natural hazards in the build area and move to a safer area if required. A competent adult to assess suitability of all participants footwear prior to the activity. Weather conditions are to be considered particularly rain and wind which may make surface slippery or equipment harder to handle..		
Hazard - Handling equipment. Risk - Injury, sprains	All	The build will be planned before starting to reduce unnecessary moving of equipment. The size of the equipment used will be appropriate to the age of the young people. Adult helpers at least at ratios.		
Hazard - Construction and dismantling. Risk - Injury, Trapped fingers, feet or other body parts and back or muscular injuries.	All	Give all participants appropriate training and safety briefing before starting the build covering manual handling, knotting, taking care of the location of other people. Activity to be led by a competent adult. Leaders to supervise and remain alert at all times.		
Hazard - Pioneering equipment using tools natural materials and ropes. Risk - Injuries, rope burns, cuts, abrasions and bruises.	All	Consider the ability of the participants and make changes as appropriate. Give instruction on carrying, lifting and storing pioneering equipment. Supervise the carrying and moving of heavy equipment.		
Hazard - Structures collapsing. Risk - Impact with pioneering equipment, crush injuries lacerations and fractures.	All	Competent adults to supervise the construction and dismantling and to check that the quality of the knots and lashings being used. Structures may be affected by weather, ropework stretching or tightening if wet or support poles slipping in mud. Any main supports must be taken down last.		
Hazard - Fall from height. Risk - Injury lacerations/fractures.	All	Brief all participants on the dangers of falling. Participants should not climb beyond a safe height. At least one leader should be a qualified first aider and has a first aid kit on hand.		
Emergency Aid		Ensure a first aid kit is available during the activity		

**Considerations for Squirrels**

<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Changes which need controlling</b>
As above	All	Squirrels should use smaller equipment such as garden canes or broomsticks	

**Considerations for Beavers**

<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Changes which need controlling</b>
As above	All	Beavesr should use smaller equipment such as garden canes or broomsticks	

**Considerations for Cubs**

<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Changes which need controlling</b>
As above	All	Structure should be in keeping with height of cubs	

**Considerations for Scouts**

<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Changes which need controlling</b>