

Blair Atholl Risk Assessment 2024

Name of activity, event, and location	Cirque de Blair, Target Park, Blair Atholl	Date of risk assessment	06/05/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Alisdair Sturgeon
		Date of next review			

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>	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>For example: Hazard: fire Risk: smoke inhalation or burns</p>	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	<p>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.</p>	
Ground Conditions	Leaders, Scouts and visitors.	<p>Inside or outside the Castle Teant or a mixture of both. Make sure the area being used is flat as possible i.e. no tree roots or holes, as some people will be walking about without looking where they are going.</p>	
Not enough room leading to participants knocking into each other or walking in to obstacles	Leader, Scouts and Visitors	<p>Check to make sure there is enough room for each of the circus skills disciplines as people will move around when doing certain disciplines.</p> <p>When people stop to watch others make sure they know to give the person enough space.</p> <p>Point out where possible obstacles are i.e. Tents, tents pegs, tent poles and trees</p>	
Misuse of the equipment	Leaders, Scouts and Visitors	<p>Participants will only be allowed access to the equipment once they have been shown the correct use of ALL the equipment.</p> <p>Ensure that they know to ask one of the leaders if they are unsure of the correct use of equipment.</p>	

You can find more information in the [Safety checklist for leaders](#) and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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Weather Conditions	Leader, Scouts and Visitors	Make sure they have the appropriate clothing for the weather conditions expected for the duration of the activity. Ask them to take fluids with them as they will not be allowed back to their campsite during the activity. Also advise them they can stay inside the castle to protect from the sun. If everyone is inside then Uni-cycles will not be used because of the lack of space.	
Slackline	Leader, Scouts and Visitors	Risk of tripping over it, falling off it, ensure the ground around it is flat and no rocks. Explain the boundary area around the slackline, safety demonstrations including spotters either side to brace and stop falls.	
Injuries	Leaders, Scouts and Visitors	Explain to the participants about the correct use of the equipment. What injuries occur when they are misused and also when you do not give yourself enough space. All injuries should be notified to a Leader from the Cirque de Blair immediately.	

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.

