

Sample Activity Risk Assessment

Activity:	Ranger In A Bag Activity Amazing Animals
Location:	Forestry Commission Forest
People covered by risk assessment:	Children, Young People, Teachers, Adult Helpers,

Hazard	Location	Persons exposed	Risk level	Control Measures	Implementation / Monitoring
Separation from group	Forest environment	Children Young People Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Group leaders to clearly state areas of the forest to be used / explored. Group leaders to ensure group remain together when walking to site. Group leaders lead the way and bring up the rear. Follow LEA guidance of pupil / teacher ratio. Staff aware of site emergency plan (can be found in activity bag). Group leaders to carry out a pre-visit.	Group leaders vigilance. Emergency plan in place. Group leaders to complete head counts as appropriate. Group leaders to carry mobile phones.
Soil borne diseases - tetanus	Forest environment	Children Young People Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Group leaders to warn group of potential hazards / problem areas. Clean and protect all cuts.	Group to have designated First Aider. Group leaders vigilance

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Inappropriate clothing / footwear	On participants	Children Young People Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Group leaders to ensure group members wear / bring appropriate clothes and shoes.	Group leaders vigilance.
Exposure to extreme weather conditions	Forest Environment	Children Young people, Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Suspend work outdoors if conditions become too bad e.g. high winds, extreme cold.	Group leaders vigilance
Bee / wasp stings Allergies Asthma	Forest environment	Children Young People Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Group leaders responsible for all medical treatment and should be aware of medical information and allergies. Group leaders to carry first-aid kits at all times.	Group to have designated First Aider. Group leaders vigilance Group leaders to carry mobile phones
Toxic plants, fungi and animal waste	Forest environment	Children Young People Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Warn group of potential hazards. Ensure group wash hands after activity before eating / handling food.	Group to have designated First Aider. Group leaders vigilance

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Trips / falls / cuts	Forest environment	Children Young people Teachers Adult helpers	Low	Group leaders to warn group before using forest tracks of uneven ground and branches at eye-level.	FC self-led info sheet. Group leaders vigilance Emergency plan in place. Group leaders to carry first aid kits and mobile phones
Injury during activity	On session	Children Young People Teachers Adult Helpers	Low	Group leaders to show group how to complete tasks and use equipment safely and any potential risks highlighted. Participants advised to roll logs/stones etc not lift. Participants to be made aware of thorns/brambles/nettles etc.	Group leaders vigilance. Emergency plan in place. Group to have designated First Aider. Staff to carry first aid kits and mobile phones Read Forestry Commission Ranger in a Bag activity guidance and safety advice.