



## SITE & LOCAL AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

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## Site & Local Area Risk Assessment

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### Risk Assessment Matrix

**Risk Level = Likelihood × Severity**

- **Low (1-4):** Monitor
- **Medium (5-12):** Additional controls needed
- **High (15-25):** Immediate action required

## IDENTIFIED HAZARDS AND CONTROLS

### 1. WATER HAZARDS - River

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Drowning/near drowning	All users, especially younger children	3	5	15 HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical barriers/fencing along river edge</li><li>• Clear boundaries marked</li><li>• Constant supervision near water</li><li>• Water safety briefing for all users</li><li>• Emergency rescue equipment on site</li><li>• Staff trained in water rescue</li></ul>	6 MEDIUM
Slips on wet/muddy riverbank	All users	4	2	8 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-slip pathways where possible</li><li>• Appropriate footwear policy</li></ul>	4 LOW

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Fast-flowing water (seasonal)	All users	2	4	8 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning signs</li> <li>Regular inspection of access routes</li> <li>Monitor water levels daily</li> <li>Restrict access during high water</li> <li>Weather monitoring procedures</li> </ul>	3 LOW

## 2. LIVESTOCK HAZARDS

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Kicks/strikes from horses	All users, especially those unfamiliar with animals	3	4	12 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervised access only</li> <li>Animal handling training for staff</li> <li>Calm, well-trained animals</li> <li>Secure enclosures</li> <li>No sudden movements policy</li> </ul>	4 LOW
Charging/aggressive behavior (sheep/goats)	Younger children particularly	2	3	6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure fencing</li> <li>Staff supervision during animal interactions</li> <li>Knowledge of animal behavior signs</li> <li>Separate enclosures for aggressive animals</li> </ul>	2 LOW
Disease transmission (zoonoses)	All users	2	2	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand washing facilities</li> <li>No eating near animals</li> <li>Regular animal health checks</li> </ul>	2 LOW

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Allergic reactions	Those with known allergies	3	3	9 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid protocols</li> <li>• Pre-activity health screening</li> <li>• Emergency medication protocols</li> <li>• Staff allergy awareness training</li> </ul>	3 LOW

### 3. STRUCTURAL HAZARDS - Wooden Hut

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Structural collapse/damage	All users	1	5	5 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular structural inspection</li> <li>• Maintenance records</li> <li>• Professional assessment annually</li> <li>• Immediate closure if damage noted</li> </ul>	1 LOW
Fire risk	All users	2	4	8 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire risk assessment</li> <li>• Smoke detectors</li> <li>• Fire extinguishers</li> <li>• Emergency evacuation plan</li> <li>• No naked flames policy</li> </ul>	3 LOW

#### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL/WEATHER HAZARDS

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Extreme weather (storms, lightning)	All users	3	3	9 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather monitoring</li> <li>• Indoor shelter available</li> <li>• Activity cancellation procedures</li> <li>• Emergency communication systems</li> </ul>	3 LOW
Flooding	All users and animals	2	4	8 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor river levels</li> <li>• Evacuation procedures</li> <li>• Emergency contacts list</li> <li>• Alternative venue arrangements</li> </ul>	4 LOW
Ice/snow hazards	All users	3	2	6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gritting/salt supplies</li> <li>• Alternative indoor activities</li> <li>• Appropriate footwear policy</li> </ul>	2 LOW

#### 5. ACCESS AND TERRAIN HAZARDS

Hazard	Who at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk Level	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Uneven ground/trip hazards	All users, particularly those with mobility issues	4	2	8 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular ground maintenance</li> <li>• Clear pathways</li> <li>• Warning signs for hazards</li> <li>• Appropriate footwear policy</li> </ul>	3 LOW

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Vehicle access/parking hazards	All users, parents, staff	2	3	6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated parking areas</li> <li>• Separate pedestrian routes</li> <li>• Speed limits on site</li> <li>• Clear signage</li> </ul>	2 LOW

## 6. BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Who at Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood (1-5)</b>	<b>Severity (1-5)</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Control Measures</b>	<b>Residual Risk</b>
Insect stings/bites	Those with allergies	3	3	9 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid trained staff</li> <li>• Emergency medication protocols</li> <li>• Insect repellent available</li> <li>• Pre-activity health checks</li> </ul>	3 LOW
Plant toxicity (if present)	Younger children particularly	2	3	6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site survey for toxic plants</li> <li>• Regular removal of hazardous vegetation</li> <li>• Plant identification training for staff</li> </ul>	2 LOW
Animal waste/hygiene	All users	3	2	6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular cleaning routine</li> <li>• Hand washing facilities</li> <li>• Protective equipment available</li> </ul>	2 LOW

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## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

### **Emergency Contacts**

- **Emergency Services:** 999
- **Site Manager:** Kane Wilson 07754 315 387

### **Emergency Assembly Point**

Gate next to car park

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## **MONITORING AND REVIEW**

### **Daily Checks Required**

- Weather conditions assessment
- River water levels
- Animal behavior and health
- Site security and access routes
- Equipment condition

### **Weekly Checks**

- Structural integrity of buildings
- Fencing condition
- Safety equipment checks

### **Monthly Reviews**

- Review incident reports
- Update risk assessments as needed
- Staff training needs assessment

### **Annual Requirements**

- Full risk assessment review
  - Emergency procedure testing
  - Staff training updates
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## **STAFF REQUIREMENTS**

### **Essential Training**

- First Aid
- Animal handling
- Water safety awareness
- Emergency procedures
- Risk assessment principles