**1st ELGIN SCOUTS**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR BURGHEAD SLEEP OVER**

**NAME OF DISTRICT/GROUP:** 1st Elgin Scouts

**NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** Daniel Vaccaro

**DATE OF RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** 15/02/2025

The aim of this risk assessment is to provide general information on the type of hazards adults and young members (as well as others who may be involved) are exposed to.

The list given is by no means an exhaustive one. Hazards which are not listed but are specific to your visit should be recorded on the blank assessment form



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| GENERAL |
| Hazard | Who may be harmed? | Risk | Control Measure  | Remaining risk |
| Trips, slips and falls | Cubs/ Leaders | M | -Briefing at start of activity informing Cubs of the topography of area. -Ensure correct sturdy foot ware is to be worn. -Route choice change, depending on weather.- Ensure cubs are reminded about slip hazards when crossing slippery rocks. | L |
| Weather | Cubs/ Leaders | M | -Ensure all participants have correct clothing and equipment. -If required ensure sun screen is applied. -Ensure water is carried and drank regularly. | L |
| Water | Cubs/ Leaders | M | -Extra vigilance by group, reminder not to enter the sea. -Beach play is acceptable. | L |
| Ticks | Cubs/ Leaders | L | -Depending on route advise group to wear long trousers/socks. -Avoid contact with sheep. | L |
| Tiredness | Cubs/ Leaders | L | -Have leaders look out for struggling Cubs.-Down time’ during the camp to allow Cubs to rest if necessary | L |
| Road Traffic | Cubs/ Leaders | L | - Prior to activity, re brief on road safety due to vehicles in carpark. | L |
| Food poisoning | Cubs/ Leaders | L | - All food to be checked by leader before eating.- Andre/Dan has food hygiene certificate.- All Cubs to wash hands and alcohol gel available.- No cross contamination between cooked and raw food | L |
| Major/ Minor Injuries | Cubs/ Leaders | L | - A Med Plan is in place all leaders have been given a flap sheet. |  |
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| CLIMBING |
| Hazard | Who may be harmed? | Risk | Control Measure  | Remaining risk |
| Physical injuries, fractures, death from falls during either activity. | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | L | -All equipment is checked before use and regular inspections carried out by the supervisor. -Any equipment that is questionable is immediately taken out of action. -The participant will be attached to the climbing rope with a re threaded figure of eight and stopper knot. -For abseiling the participant will control their own descent whilst also attached to a safety belay line, controlled by an instructor -During Abseiling the supervisor will ensure no unsupervised YP are at the top of the crag. | L |
| Items falling on to heads causing impact injuries | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | M | All participants will be wearing helmets. -Climbers and those abseiling will be asked to empty their pockets. -Those not taking part will be held in a “safe” area where there is no risk of falling objects. | L |
| Harnesses / systems failing due to poor fitting. | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | L | -Once fitted by the supervisor the harness will be second checked by an instructor. -Any time a harness is removed the fitting process is to be repeated. | L |
| Anchor failure with subsequent fall of individual. | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | L | -All anchors to be checked prior to rigging and rechecked at least once per half day and once at lunch time. -All karabiners used are to be screw gate and placed back to back if there is and assessed risk or movement. | L |
| Long hair becoming tangled in descender | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | M | Instructor to ensure long hair is tied back prior to activity. | L |
| Tides getting cut off | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | M | - Tide times and heights are to be checked prior to the event. | L |

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| FIRE LIGHTING |
| Hazard | Who may be harmed? | Risk | Control Measure  | Remaining risk |
| Collecting Wood | All | M | Brief to include staying within a designated area, not running, not moving big heavy objects (consider using a benchmark such as no thicker than your wrist) and not to carry too much at one time. | L |
| Scratches and Splinters | All | L | Leader to warn group about the possibility of splinters and avoid any wood which looks like a hazard | L |
| Toxic smoke production | All | M | Do not allow the burning of live trees Do not allow the burning of plastics | L |
| Burns | All | H | Have a designated area for fire lighting. Brief cubs to pay special attention in this area and especially do not run. Group briefed not to play with fire. Once something is in the fire do not remove Leader to ensure area is supervised at all times Water source to be nearby for quick treatment if necessary | L |
| Fire spreading / out of control | All | H | Clear the area of all combustible material before the fire is set and lit Do not build fires too big Consider using an alter fire or similar containment method Make sure fire is out before leaving | L |
| Smoke inhalation | All | H | Brief on hazard as appropriate | L |

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| WALK |
| Hazard | Who may be harmed? | Risk | Control Measure  | Remaining risk |
| Slipping on rocks | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders |  | - When walking of track along beach cubs are to be reminded of slippery rocks and briefed to watch their footing  |  |
| Traffic. | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders |  | - When approaching Hopeman harbour leader is to remind Cubs of risk of traffic. |  |
| Falling in off the harbour. | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders |  | - Cubs are to be given clear boundaries and not allowed within a M of the harbours edge.- No playing on the raised wall that surrounds the harbour. |  |
| Tides getting cut off | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders | M | - Tide times and heights are to be checked prior to the event. | L |
| Large Drops | Cubs/ Leaders/ Bystanders |  | - Leaders to give direction if near drops Dan is SML so suitably train in security on steep ground |  |
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