**ELGIN SCOUTS**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL VISITS**

**CYCLING/MOUNTAIN BIKING**

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

**NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** ……………Steve Yaxley………………………………………………………………

**DATE OF RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** ……………3/6/2015………………………………………………………………………………………………..

The aim of a generic 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



**P.O.R rules relating to the Camp**

The only information we need to be aware of and comply with is the information contained in the general factsheets

## Scout Led Activities

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| **Activity** | **P.O.R Rules** | **Other information** | **Scouting Authorisation Required** | **Extra third party insurance required** | **Notification Required** |
| Camping | * FS120078 Home Contacts * [FS120000 Risk Assessment](http://www.scouts.org.uk/fs120000) * [FS120088 Weather Forecasts in Outdoor Activities](http://www.scouts.org.uk/fs120088) * FS129999 *Safety in Scouting: Safety Checks* | New update – no qualification required for T0 |  |  |  |

**Risk assessment**

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| **Ratios** | 1:12 max |
| **Qualifications** | * Green field camp clr Goves, Paul and Alan– however in hall. * As terrain 0 * Goves ambulance technician/ALS/HSE Offshore medic – but lapsed Feb 15 – Alan and Paul in date . Others TBC. * Goves and Alan have food hygiene. * All adults disclosure cleared. |
| **Control Measures in force** | * Appropriate first aid kit to be carried during camp. * Drinking fluids to be carried by individuals and resupply jerry cans taken by leaders. * A means of raising the alarm in an emergency to be established. (If reliant on mobile phone, ensure network coverage in area to be visited). * All adults and scouts should be physically fit enough to take part in the activity and leaders to have sufficient experience and competence to lead the activity. * If the event leader considers the camp unsafe due to weather, poor lighting or other hazards they have discretion to abandon the camp and notify parents. * In the event of an incident requiring one or more emergency services to be summoned the activity will be terminated immediately and the scouts and leaders taken home as quickly as possible and the home contact will be informed as required in the home contact guidelines * Lighting of fires to be strictly controlled by adult supervision. |

| **HAZARD** | **Risk before control Measure** | **Who is at risk** | **STEPS TO CONTROL RISK** | **RISK LEVEL if controls implemented** | **REVIEW AND DECISION** |
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| Injury whilst aboard the Findhorn Marina Ferry Service | High | All Campers | Follow safety briefing provided by Findhorn Marina Ferry Coxswain.  All to don lifejacket whilst aboard | Low | No further revision considered necessary at this time. |
| Manual Handling | Medium | All Campers | Rucksacks to be less than 25Kgs  Care to be taken embarking/disembarking ferry  Sensible manual handling practices to be adopted  Leaders to supervise all manual handling activity and intervene as necessary | Low | No further revision considered necessary at this time. |
| Inappropriate/no  Protective equipment | Medium | All Campers | Campers should wear appropriate clothing to suit area  and weather conditions – long sleeved shirts and  trousers may be considered.  Don high factor sun cream as necessary. | Low | No further revision considered necessary at this time. |
| Hypothermia | Medium – High (Dependent on weather) | All Campers | Ensure all on activity are dressed suitably for the weather on the day  All on activity to carry or wear waterproof clothing depending on the weather on the day  Scouts to be briefed about recognising signs of hypothermia  Leaders to ensure all scouts have the opportunity for regular calorie intake  Leaders to remind scouts about need to eat/drink plenty of calories in an outdoor environment.  Parents to ensure scouts have a warm sleeping bag and a roll mat.  Leaders to monitor weather conditions and assess camp conditions accordingly | Low | No further revision  considered necessary at this time |
| Getting lost | Medium | All Campers | Scouts are not to eave the ‘campsite’ without notifying an adult  Leaders to have carry an ordnance survey map  Each leader to carry a mobile phone  If a scout becomes separated from the group for more than 30 minutes the are to stay put and wait to be found. Blow whistle. | low | No further revision  considered necessary at this time |
| Dehydration | Medium | All Campers | All to take suitable water bottle for walk  Leaders to provide sufficient water to resupply Scouts water bottles throughout the camp  Brief scouts on signs of dehydration | low | No further revision  considered necessary at this time |
| Fire | High | All Campers | Scouts are not permitted to light any fire without the permission of a leader  Fires are to be extinguished before retiring for the night –unless a fire sentry is awake throughout –there is a real risk of igniting a sleeping bag with a red ember.  Scouts to be briefed about ‘actions on’ fire | low | No further revision  considered necessary at this time |
| Weather | Medium | All Campers | If deemed unsuitable by the leaders at any point the camp can be finished early  Check weather prior to event and during  If temperature falls below 5 degs in days leaders will consider canx camp.  Heavy winds or extreme rain will canx the camp due to falling tree hazard. | low | No further revision  considered necessary at this time |