**1st ELGIN SCOUTS**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR NIGHT HIKE**

**2023**

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

**NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** Steven Thomson

**DATE OF RISK ASSESSMENT/UPDATE:** 12/03/2023

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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| Risk/Hazard | Who is at risk? | Risk Level  | Control | Risk level after mitigation  |
| Getting lost  | All | M | Leader to be familiar with route particularly in darknessLeader to carry appropriate navigation equipment, map/compass & GPS. Scouts briefed on route. Mobile phones carried with activity leaders contact details.Head counts before setting off and at regular intervals. Adults to walk at front and back of the groups.  | L |
| Terrain – uneven ground, loose ground, wet ground/slippery.  | All  | M | Brief Scouts on being careful and navigating the terrain.Actively assess the terrain whilst walking giving direct feedback to scouts about what is safe to walk on or any slippery areas. Avoid areas of nettles and dense shrubbery where possible. Scouts to wear appropriate footwear.  | L |
| Exhaustion  | All | M | Scouts to bring water and snacks for the hike. Leader to have spare provisions. Van nearby to support with group.  | L |
| Weather | All | M | Keep monitoring forecast. If unsuitable weather activity stopped. Scouts to wear/carry appropriate clothing for the hike – boots, waterproofs etc.  | L |
| Road Crossing  | All | M | Leader brief on road crossing before start. All to cross at same time with adults. Scouts to be easily visible – head torches, bright clothing.  | L |