



Risk Assessment: Grass Sledging

Event/Activity (brief description): Northern Heights Site Grass sledging					Date: 01/03/2024	
Benefits and purpose of the Event						
<p>Girls Experience a new and adventurous activity, overcoming potential fears and encouraging team work and cooperation.</p> <p>Adults Enable participants to experience a new and adventurous activity, overcoming potential fears and encouraging team work and cooperation.</p>						
Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
Loose/faulty parts causing irregular use	Adults & Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sledges regularly checked for wear and tear Check: safety handles securely attached 	L	L		
Holding on to underside of sledge during run risking damage to hands in moving parts	Adults & Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety handles installed on all sledges Leaders briefed on importance of ensuring sledge users hold on to handles for duration of run. 	M	M	-	

<p>Hitting an obstacle (eg person, tree, other sledge)</p>	<p>Adults & Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sledging Arena kept clear of obstacles and a check carried out prior to each session. • Grass kept short to ensure obstacles can't be hidden in grass. • Users to remain in sledges until Leader instructs them it is safe to disembark and return sledge to top of run. • Users to return to top of run via safe side of tyre barrier to avoid impact from moving sledges traveling down slope • Tyre barrier installed to avoid sledges running into adjacent hedgerow. • Users instructed to keep hands and feet inside sledge so in the event one sledge runs into another no body parts are directly exposed to the impact. 	<p>M</p>	<p>L</p>		
<p>Long grass slowing momentum and inviting user to use hands and feet outside of sledge to build momentum</p>	<p>Adults & Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warden to ensure grass is cut prior to arranged sessions. 	<p>M</p>	<p>L</p>		
<p>Load on sledge exceeds guidelines resulting in wheels or tracks collapsing</p>	<p>Adults</p>	<p>Warden to ensure leaders are informed as to weight limit during activity briefing. Weight limit is 100kg.</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>		

causing irregular stop.						
Slippery / muddy/icy ground causing slips	Children & Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If ground is excessively muddy or waterlogged or icy (compacted snow) the activity may be cancelled. Leaders warned to be mindful of potential slippery conditions during activity briefing. 	M	L		
Dry conditions creating cracks in ground. Users may twist ankles.	Children & Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If cracks have opened up warn leaders to be mindful of cracks during session. 	M	L		

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