



Risk assessment.

Name of activity, event, and location	Grass Sledging/Turf Boarding Bowley International Scout Centre	Date of risk assessment	3 rd March 2025	Completed by	Chris Harrop
		Date of next review	3 rd March 2027	Authorised by	Chris Taylor

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Hazard: Lifting and carrying heavy objects Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	Safe manual handling techniques adopted by supervising adult. Induction hand over by member of Bowley team to responsible adult.	
Hazard: Slips, trips and falls Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	Clear trip hazards from area before accessing. Ensure carry handle is inside sledge or on Turf Board and not dragging on ground. Sledges/Turf Boards should be dragged across grass by carry handles to/from sledging site without passengers. Ensure Sledge/ Turf Board is stationary whilst embarking/disembarking.	
Hazard: Moving parts Risk: Personal injury (Trapping fingers in runners and between sledges/turf boards)	Participants	Do not put fingers inside moving tracks on sledges/turfboards. All users must keep hands inside sledges when riding, hold handles inside. Ensure sledges/turf boards are running parallel to each other. Stagger starts. Active and firm group control/supervision.	

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Hazard: Collisions (pedestrians, mole hills, trees/bushes) Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	Use established sledging/boarding area. Keep bystanders at a safe distance. Establish pedestrian route for re climbing slope. Ensure trackway in front of sledge is clear of pedestrians before initiating run. Use of Safety helmets. Instruct all users to brake with both brakes in a timely way to ensure no collisions. Users should wear appropriate sturdy footwear to enable braking with feet and safe walking up slope towing sledge. No open-toed sandals/ flip flops/ Crocs, or bare feet.	
Hazard: Extreme weather Risk: Sunburn, hypothermia, hyperthermia	Participants	Staff to check weather forecasts before activity, observe throughout, stop activity if necessary and move to safety. Ensure participants have suitable clothing and access to warm/cold drinks. Brief on sun protection.	
Hazard: Unauthorised use Risk: Personal injury	Participants	Equipment not to be left unattended when out of the activity store. Equipment is kept in the activity store when not in use.	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.