



Risk assessment.

Name of activity, event, and location	Unihoc Bowley International Scout Centre	Date of risk assessment	12 th March 2026	Completed by	Chris Harrop
		Date of next review	12 th 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. Unihock equipment is stored in an appropriate bag with carrying handles. The bag should be carried using these handles.	
Hazard: Slips, trips and falls Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	Clear trip hazards from area, if necessary, before starting the session. Switch on lights if it is felt necessary to increase visibility in the sports barn. Check floor is dry, Clear up any spillages as and when (if) they happen. Ensure footwear is suitable for the activity. Observe for any laces which may come undone and advise/assist participants to retie them.	
Hazard: Hit by stick Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	Stick must stay below waist level when playing the ball. Playing the ball above waist height or swinging the stick above waist height is not permitted. Lifting, hooking, or hitting an opponent's stick is not permitted. Enforce rules consistently	

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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Hazard: Collision between participants/spectators Risk: Personal injury	Instructors Participants Spectators	No pushing, charging, tackling, or blocking with the body.	
Hazard: Collision between participants and walls Risk: Personal injury	Participants	Leader in charge should monitor the game throughout. Maximum of 12 people at any one time should play. Ensure Sports Barn is clear of obstructions. Enforce rules consistently.	

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.