

COVID-19 restarting face-to-face Scouts risk assessment

Name of section or activity	BOULDERING	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notifications
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What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Risk Level: Low – L Medium – M High – H	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What's changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Poor quality instruction	Boulderers	M	All Lead Instructors responsible for running sessions to have attended an in-house training and passed an assessment run by an external assessor	
Personal injury due to falling off	Boulderers and Spotters.	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boulderers instructed as to the upper height limit for their hands. Lead Instructors to continually reinforce this during sessions 2. Boulderers to be given tips about landing appropriately eg. bending knees to minimise impact on landing 3. Helmets to be worn 4. In certain circumstances groups may work in pairs, one climbing & one spotting. Circumstances will depend on the maturity of the group and the instructors input into the role of the 'spotter.' 	
Joint strain or damage	Boulderers	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead instructors to ask if there are any joint/mobility problems affecting group members and then advise as to their level of participation. 2. Boulderers to be advised to start gently and warm up on easy circuits before attempting harder problems putting extra strain on joints. 3. Boulderers to be made aware that if they suffer any joint discomfort they need to alert the Lead Instructor who will advise accordingly. 	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. disorderly behaviour, not following instructions etc	Everyone involved with the session.	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Leader in attendance. 2. Max group size 10 3. If the behaviour of an individual / group becomes disorderly refer to EAP Disorderly Behaviour. 4. If overcrowding of the area is a contributory factor in any disorderly behaviour refer to EAP overcrowding. 	


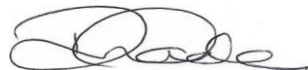
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Poor visibility leading to increase in normal level of risk	Boulderers	L	1. Flood lights to be put on when visibility is reduced. 2. If fog becomes too thick, session to be cancelled.	
Bad Weather	All	L	Session to be cancelled due to increased risk of slipping and falling off.	

The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene – Risk of Spread	All	M	1. Hand Sanitize 2. Check Helmets from a distance 3. Where a group is moving on to another activity requiring Helmets/Harnesses they will take the same equipment with them. Clean after each use.	
Maintaining Social Distancing	All	L	1. Group Leader to manage participants who are waiting for their turn. 2. Two metre spacing between people on wall.	
Track and Trace	All	L	1. Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days. 2. Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event.	

Checked by Line Manager	Andy Moore Operations Director 06/06/2023 	Checked County Executive	Richard Wade County Chair Date: 08/06/2023 
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