

Risk assessment – Orienteering

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Overview of activity	Orienteering				
	Supporting documentation for the working SOP's.				
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	What are you already doing to control the risk?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Terrain – uneven ground. Slips, cuts, twisted ankle.	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants must wear appropriate outdoor footwear • In preliminary safety talk, leader to identify hazards of uneven terrain • Leader to identify course with terrain and length appropriate to the mobility needs of the group • Ensure adequate supervision 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Weather	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants must bring appropriate clothing and footwear • Choose an appropriate course for your group 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Missing participants	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants should be clearly briefed about boundaries in the preliminary safety talk • Choose an appropriate course for your group • Ensure adequate supervision 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Supervision and personal safety	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear meeting place should be set before participants start the course • Students should be made aware of appropriate behaviour at the start • The group leader must carry safety equipment 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Members of the public	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to monitor the area, if unruly members of the public are present then the session may be cancelled, and pupils return to school 	n/a	Staff	Throughout the activity
Road crossing	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to help pupils cross the roads when it is safe to do so. Where possible use road crossings. 	n/a	Staff	Throughout the activity

