

Challenge Hike Risk Assessment

Hazard	Injury	Risk Control Measures
Slips, trips and falls	Slight to severe injury.	EVAC Site to be checked for any potential hazards prior to event and as part of ongoing centre management. Route to be walked before event and any hazards removed, reduced or shared with unit leaders as part of briefing. Groups to be briefed at start of event. Unit leaders to be responsible for young people and manage their behaviour to reduce these risks. Young people/adults to take torches with them for offsite hike.
Lost child or lost group.	Slight to severe injury. Emotional harm.	Route map to be provided by Eaton Vale team to all adults. Eaton Vale team to hold a contact number for a leader from each group and each group leader to be given the duty mobile number for contact during the event. Eaton Vale to strategically place bases along key points along the route to ensure that groups stay on track. In the event of a young person/group becoming lost the local police will be called and advice from them will be followed.
Unexpected people	Slight to severe injury. Emotional harm.	Groups to be briefed at the start of the event that they might encounter other people. Groups to be advised to stay together along the route.
Animals or natural hazards (ie nettles)	Slight to severe injury.	Groups to be briefed at the start of the event that they might encounter natural hazards and to stick to marked paths. Groups to be advised to stay together along the route.
Darkness	Slight to severe injury.	Young people/adults to take torches with them for offsite hike.
Weather	Slight to severe injury.	The event will run whatever the weather. Unit leaders to advise young people to dress for the weather and ensure that they bring appropriate clothing. Route may be amended based on weather conditions
Unexpected response to activity from children.	Slight to severe injury. Emotional harm.	Unit leaders to ensure that adults are competent and able to manage the needs of the group that they are responsible for. Each group leader to be given the duty mobile number for contact during the event. Eaton Vale to strategically place bases along key points along the route so support can be gained if required.
Shared use of accommodation	Emotional harm	Clear expectation provided to all leaders at start of event. Unit leaders to ensure that adults are competent and able to manage the needs of the group that they are responsible for.
Intruder on Site	Slight to severe injury. Emotional harm.	All entrance doors to Icen House to be locked/closed if coded lock at start of hike Unit leaders to be aware of other people onsite and to contact the police if concerned.

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Food Allergies	Slight to severe injury.	All groups to provide allergy lists for the centre. If Centre is unable to meet needs may request that specific food item is provided by young person/leader.
Burns (from Drink)	Slight to severe injury.	Catering team to ensure that drink is at a suitable temperature prior to serving. Catering team to ensure that cup isn't held by young person when adding liquid to but is rested on a table.

This risk assessment is in addition to current risk assessments at Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre and should be used in conjunction with current activity and site risk assessments.