



Grass Sledges - Heyswood Risk Assessment

Description: Participants riding down the slope before pulling back up to the start

Learning Outcomes: Accepting a challenge, taking a risk, fun.

Leaders are responsible for reviewing and adding to the Risk Assessment which is recommended to be completed during a site visit. These are to be shared with the Leadership Team.

Girlguiding members: Girlguiding Consent Forms must be completed for any participant under 18 and appropriate Commissioner informed of intended activities

For non-Girlguiding events / users: The hirer must ensure appropriate insurance cover for the activities undertaken and provide evidence if requested by Heyswood Management Committee.

Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
Lack of Supervision	Participants	Named Leader responsible for activity, with another leader supervising Leader gives participants safety briefing	L	L	Named activity Leader to sign Conditions of Use form	Leader
Injury due to slip, trip or fall, collision Injury due to lifting sledges incorrectly	Participants	Only one forward facing person to ride on grass sledge at a time Defined activity area with route down slope Monitor route is clear before setting off Leader oversees participants removal & return of grass sledges from the shed. Work in pairs to lift with knees bent & straight back	M	L	First Aider and 1 st Aid Kit available GG Accident notification form Safe waiting area at top of slope	Leader
Trapped fingers	Participants	Participants instructed to keep hands inside sledge & rest on brake in case of need	L	L	Participants to be reminded to sit upright	Leader

Faulty equipment	Participants	Visual inspection prior to use	L	L	Leaders to report any issues to Warden	Leader
Unsuitable clothing/footwear	Participants	Participants wear suitable footwear No loose items of clothing or jewellery	L	L		Leader
Adverse weather conditions	Participants	Safety briefing Check weather forecast	L	L	Session may be cancelled in adverse weather conditions	Leader