



1st Kesgrave Scout Group

Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 1JF

Name of activity, section, event, and location	1 st Kesgrave Scout Group - Circus (additional steps to support paid activity)	Date of risk assessment	25 Jun 2026	Name of person who undertook this risk assessment	Hayley Punchard (working with others)
		Date of next review	Next event		

This document covers normal section meetings, at or away from the Scout Hall, and provides generic details for most other events and activities that the Scout Group undertakes (camps, hikes etc). Additional risk assessments are provided where event/activity specific details are required. This document should be read in conjunction with the Scout Hall risk assessment for meetings and events in the Scout Hall.

Hazard identified? Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	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 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 from it. 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 are doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Location – slips/trips/falls or other injury	All present	Ensure ground is level and not full of rabbit/potholes. Flooring should be appropriate for activities, and if required (padded) matting should be provided to reduce likelihood of injury through falling. Mats may not be appropriate for all activities. Area should be zoned off and participants should wait outside of zone until briefed invited in by instructor/leader, and only use equipment within the zone.	
Equipment - suitability for use, risk of injury	All present	The supplier is responsible for maintaining their equipment, however it would be sensible to do a quick visual check of everything looking for damage and suitability for intended participants. When in doubt ask the instructor for further information. Restrict equipment usage if required. Consider the participants age/size and ability before allowing them to use equipment.	

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Supervision and briefing - risk of overexcitement or unsafe use of equipment leading to injury	All present	Nobody is to use any equipment without a suitable briefing. A Scout leader should gather everyone prior to the start of the activity for the instructor to brief the group. Equipment should only be used under supervision. Parents should be encouraged to support their children when using the equipment. Leaders to assist if required. In the case of poor/overexcited behaviour, the activity should be paused/stopped as required.	
Safeguarding and safety		Instructor is DBS checked by their employer, however a Scout leader should remain at the activity base at all times ensuring that the activity confirms to Scout guidelines. Instructor is not to be left alone with any participants at any time.	