



1st Kesgrave Scout Group

Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 1JF

Name of activity, section, event, and location	1 st Kesgrave Scout Group - Orienteering / Geocaching	Date of risk assessment	1 Mar 2025	Name of person who undertook this risk assessment	Alan Comber (working with others)
		Date of next review	1 Apr 2026		

This document covers orienteering and geocaching. This can be in your local area, in the countryside or urban area or in more challenging area that require walking permits. The majority of the requirements are covered by the walks, hikes, hill walking and expeditions risk assessment. Please refer to that for the risk assessment for the route / area being used. This risk assessment just covers the incremental differences, It should also be read in conjunction with the section meeting and events risk assessment which covers generic items.

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.
Terrain / Venue - Unsuitable terrain, steep descents	All present	If the event is going to be timed, with the possibility of participants running around, then check the area is suitable for this type of activity ie for rabbit holes, lots of trip hazards etc	
Preparation - Unsuitable route, inexperience etc	All present	Avoid finding/putting orienteering markers or geocaches in potentially dangerous locations – near steep edges, near water, high up etc. Create a master map that identifies the exact locations or has hints or answers on it for the use of leaders on the day to help the participants as necessary or find the location in an emergency.	Supported by Leaders as required
Event - injury and harm to participants		Provide all participants with instructions before the start of the activity, that covers: - What they are doing/trying to achieve - Any timings	Support group as required - have route plans and maps

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		• Where they should start and where to finish • Not to go off the course / marked area in-case an emergency team needs to find them	
Manual Handling – back injuries, strains, cuts, bruises etc	All present	All kit carried should be within the capability of the individual carrying it and take account of weather conditions.	
General Behaviour – horseplay, overexcitement, injuries.	All taking part	Behaviour will be monitored for horseplay, dangerous activities etc and the activity will be stopped or a cooling off period introduced if the activity gets out of hand or injuries are likely to happen. A clear communication method will be used to stop the activity if necessary.	
Safeguarding / Lost – physical / mental harm, abduction	All present	Ensure leaders have a master map that identifies the exact locations or has hints or answers on it to help the participants as necessary or find the locations in an emergency.	Support group as required - have route plans and maps