

BLINDFOLD ACTIVITIES RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: General Welfare & Weather

Procedures: Blindfold Activities

Specific Site Woodland Assessment

Site Safety

Related Activity Risk Assessments

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	PROBABILITY (P) 1-5	SEVERITY (S) 1-5	RATING (P) X (S) 1-25	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN	BY WHO/ confirmation of understanding or completion
1	Weather	The Group & Leaders	A General Welfare & weather risk assessment completed				The group will be fully equipped to deal with potential dangers arising from poor weather and welfare issues.	CC/PM need to check weather forecasts and ensure all safety equipment is in position.
2	Woodland Site	The Group & Leaders	Woodland Site specific Risk Assessment completed				The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment.	CC/PM will ensure that the woodlands Risk Assessment is used on site and aspects highlighted.
3	Tying the blindfold too tight	The Group & Leaders	Blindfolds made from soft materials.	3	2	6	The leader will explain how to put the blindfolds on carefully.	CC/PM
4	Walking into a branch or tree	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Group must be made aware of the dangers and considerations of leading someone who is blindfolded.	CC/PM ensures the group consider communication safety and physical contact.
5	Trip/slip	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Ensure group are told to watch out for trip/slip hazards before activity commences. Explain to	CC/PM

							the group how to communicate effectively, move around safely.	
6	Cutting hand on a sharp item	The Group & Leaders		3	2	6	Explain to group to investigate items gently. Tell them there may be rough or sharp parts so to move slowly.	CC/PM
7	Bending over and nagging head	The Group & Leaders	Activity area has its own risk assessment.	3	3	9	Group must be made aware of dangers of leading someone who is blindfolded (spatial awareness).	CC/PM

RATING- The **probability** multiplied by the **severity** gives a figure from 1 to 25. Any hazard scoring above **12** will need to have immediate additional control measures put in place to prevent a serious incident.