

Seven Springs General Camping Risk Assessment

This is a generic risk assessment for the camping areas. You will need to complete your own risk assessment for your own layout and any activities you carry out.

Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Risks Identified	Initial Risk Rating	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating
Pitching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heavy / large tents ▪ Inexperienced participants ▪ Mallets ▪ Ropes and pegs ▪ Weather 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manual Handling injury, sprain, back when erecting equipment ▪ Rope Burns ▪ Fatigue ▪ Bruises, cuts ▪ broken bones 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check with all leaders as to the experience of them/ their unit - offer assistance to units with less experience. ▪ Ensure Warden on hand to offer assistance. ▪ Encourage participants to work together and follow pitching instructions. ▪ Where necessary teach participants how to put poles together correctly to avoid trapped fingers, skin, etc. ▪ Where necessary teach participants how to use a mallet and knock a tent peg in correctly. ▪ Encourage participants to be aware of those around them. 	M
Wet pitching resulting in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased risk through cold and wet weather 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hyperthermia ▪ Cold hands - cuts and bruises ▪ Tents cannot be erected in very wet areas 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure participants are suitably dressed for working in wet weather. ▪ Pitch one tent for all kit before the rest are pitched ▪ Cover kit with whilst putting up tents ▪ Assess the camp area on the day. If necessary move all campers planned for potentially wet areas further up the camp site. This will require tents to be pitched much closer together and will require management of the pegs and guy ropes, etc 	M
Wet camping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk to tents becoming wet inside ▪ Risk of tents becoming unsecure because of loose pegs 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wet sleeping kit - hyperthermia ▪ Tent collapse - not enough sleeping accommodation 	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seek assistance from Warden to ensure all participants remain dry and warm ▪ In the event of tent damage contact the warden who will undertake repairs ▪ Ensure ground sheets to be placed under tents ▪ Check all pegs are correctly used - at an angle and deeply embedded 	M
Striking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heavy / large tents ▪ Inexperienced 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manual Handling injury, sprain, back when erecting 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage participants to work together and follow striking instructions. ▪ Where necessary teach participants how to pull tent pegs out of the ground safely. 	M

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ participants ▪ Mallets ▪ Ropes and pegs ▪ Weather 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ equipment ▪ Rope Burns ▪ Fatigue ▪ Bruises, cuts ▪ broken bones 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage participants to be aware of those around them. 	
<p>Wet striking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased risk through cold and wet weather 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hyperthermia ▪ Cold hands - cuts and bruises ▪ Nowhere to store equipment ▪ Wet equipment to be carried home 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure all participants are suitably dressed for working in wet weather. ▪ Encourage one tents to be left pitched and loaded with all kit, and then taken down at the last minute ▪ Contact Warden to agree arrangements for drying wet tents 	M
<p>General Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slips, trips and falls ▪ Tents becoming wet if doors are not closed ▪ Attracting vermin if food is left in tents 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slips, trips and falls ▪ Personal belongings and sleeping kit may become wet 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tents and equipment to be checked on a daily basis ▪ Ensure any damaged tents are repaired/replaced by the Warden if they belong to Seven Springs ▪ Ensure participants keep personal belongings in their tent, e.g. wellies ▪ Ensure there is a spare sleeping bag ▪ Brief participants on camp site safety and good practice; including cleanliness, keeping tent doors closed, etc 	L
<p>Gas Boilers and Burners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gas ▪ Naked Flames ▪ Heavy equipment ▪ Boiling water ▪ Standing water 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burns, cuts, bruises, broken bones, • Fire • Gas leak • Standing water 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure water boilers are securely and safely placed - table on even ground, not in pathway, etc. ▪ The gas boiler and bottle should ideally be situated 5m from any sleeping canvas. ▪ Ensure gas bottle is outside of the tent with a hose of sufficient length to reach. ▪ Ensure water boiler turned off when not in use/unsupervised. ▪ Under 18s not to use the water boilers ▪ Provide suitable container for carrying hot water from the boiler, with two carrying points e.g. metal kettle ▪ Ensure gas water boilers lit using gas lighters provided - not matches. ▪ Ensure the water is emptied out an the end of each day and re filled in the morning 	M

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