



## Risk Assessment – Grass Sledging

<b>Venue:</b> Seven Springs, Corks Lane, Disley SK12 2AZ	<b>Updated on:</b> 15 Feb 2023 <b>Updated by:</b> Ann Shackleton	<b>Reason for review:</b> annual review (delayed by Covid-19 lockdown)	<b>To be reviewed by:</b> 14 February 2024
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Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Risks Identified	Initial Risk Rating	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating
Lifting and carrying sledges up/down steps	Participants	Injury caused by lifting beyond capability or not lifting safely	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants should work in pairs to carry sledges.</li> <li>Use correct lifting technique - knees bent, straight back</li> </ul>	L
Riding sledges, trapped fingers in runners.	Participants and observers	Injury to hands or due to collision if steering is affected	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants must be supervised by an adult</li> <li>Participants should be advised to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands inside sledge on the handles.</li> <li>Sit upright in sledge.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	L
Collisions of sledges or with other participants	Participants and observers	Injury caused by collision	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only allow under 18s to ride in a sledge</li> <li>Ensure sledges are not left unattended</li> <li>Cancel session in case of wet weather</li> <li>Show participants how to steer and operate the brakes</li> <li>Only allow one person to ride in each sledge</li> <li>Only allow two sledges in motion at any time</li> <li>Ensure slope is clear before next sledge leaves the top</li> </ul> </li> <li>Participants told to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear a helmet</li> <li>Walk back up the hill outside the sledge area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	M
Ground uneven following grass cutting or due to mole hills etc.	Participants and observers	Injury caused by collision, the sledge veering off course or tipping over	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants must be made aware of bumps and uneven slope</li> <li>Sledge sessions must be cancelled if ground is too uneven</li> <li>Participants advised to wear helmets</li> <li>Only use the sledges on the designated area</li> </ul>	L
Sledge equipment failure	Participants and observers	Injury caused by collision or other crashes	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders should visually check each sledge before and after each use and report any defects in notebook in Ash Centre</li> <li>The Seven Springs Maintenance team will:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lubricate and maintain sledges between each use</li> <li>ensure damaged sledges are not used until repaired</li> <li>record and repair any defects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	L