



Risk Assessment Form - Paxhill Cottage

This is a generic risk assessment for Paxhill Cottage. You will need to complete your own risk assessment for any activities you carry out therein. There are separate risk assessments for on site activities including orienteering, grass sledging, etc.

Venue: Seven Springs, Disley	Building: Paxhill Cottage	Sleeps: 12 People	Date: 30/3/2025 by Ann Shackleton To be reviewed by: 29/3/2026
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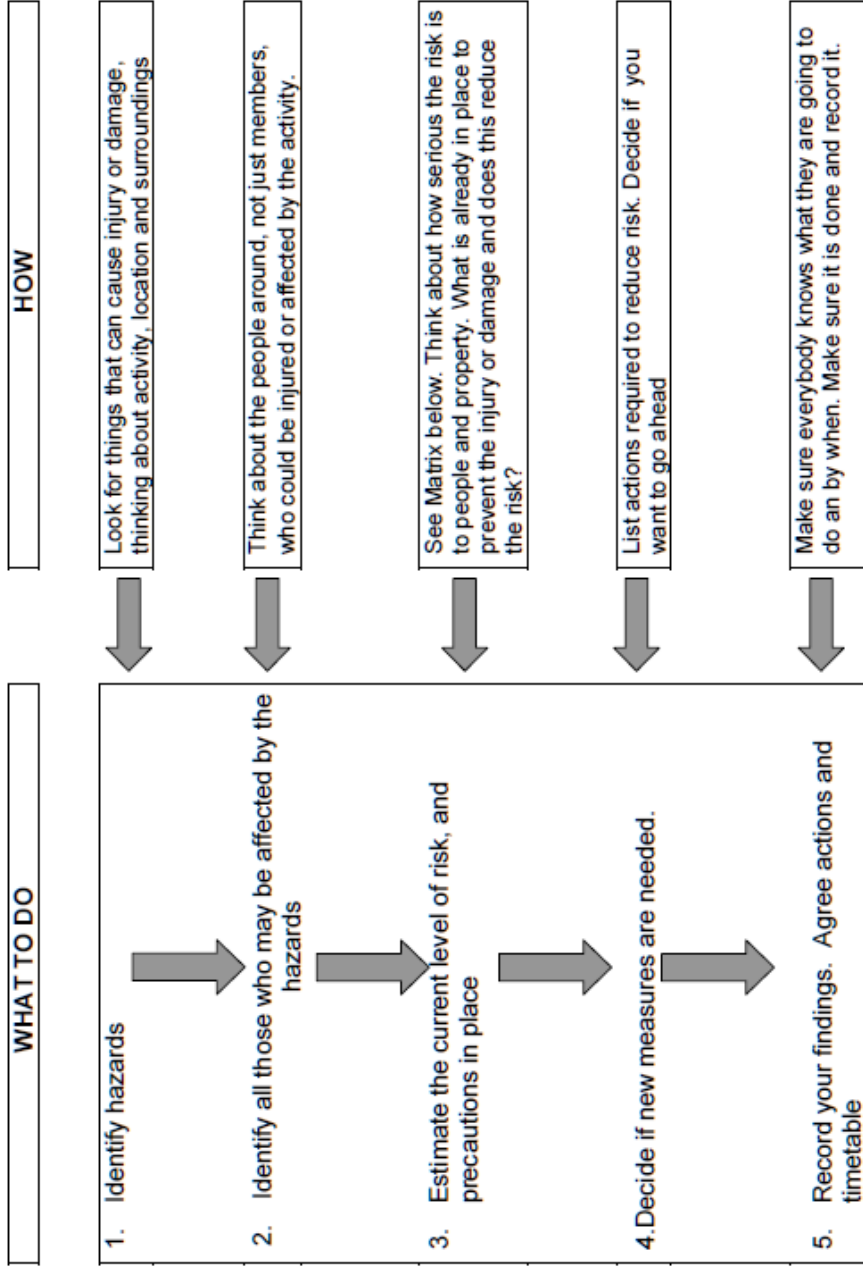
Hazard	Who is affected?	Risk	How we keep you safe	Initial Risk level	What you need to do	Residual Risk Level
General						
Fire	All	Burns, smoke inhalation	Smoke alarms tested regularly. Fire procedures on poster in lounge	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure everyone knows what to do in case of fire Do not leave hot items (in kitchen or heaters) unattended Extend extension leads fully before use 	Low
Fuse trips power	All	No electricity	Fuse box is in kitchen next to sink	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call contacts listed on notice board if help needed. 	Low
Water Leak	All	Damage to building or possessions	Stop taps are in bathroom	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call contacts listed on notice board if help needed. 	Low
Slippery Path/Steps	All	Falling/Tripping and injury	Security light installed	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not allow running on steps or path 	Low
Kitchen						
Oven and Hob	Adults	Burn	Ovens regularly safety checked	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Adults to use. Under 18s to be supervised at all times 	Low
Kettles	Adults	Scald, Burn	Kettle regularly safety checked	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Adults to use. Under 18s to be supervised at all times 	Low
Sharp Knives, Peelers etc.	All	Cuts		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise children using sharp tools 	Low
Microwave	All	Burn / scald or fire from incorrect use	Instructions provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow instructions Be careful when lifting food out of microwave in case it spills. 	Low

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Cleaning Materials	Adults	Irritant, Chemical Burn		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store all cleaning materials out of the reach children Follow instruction on bottles. Do not mix different cleaning products together. 	Low
Narrow hallway /Door	People working in kitchen	Door opening into someone carrying hot drinks or food.		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep kitchen door open Warn people before carrying hot food / drinks / bulky items through 	Low
Hot Pans/ Oven Trays	People working in kitchen	Burning hand/arm when handling hot items		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use oven gloves provided 	Low
Lounge / hallway						
Radiators	All	Burn	Instructions provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not cover heaters 	Low
Games equipment	All	Trip and injury, damage to equipment		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care when using the games equipment If any equipment is damaged please report this 	Low
Dirty Floors	All	Hygiene and damage to possessions		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove shoes /boots in entrance and store in porch 	Low
Personal Belongings on Floor	All	Trip and Injury		High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure area around sleeping area is clear, Keep personal possessions and bags out of the way of where people will be walking. 	Low
Electric fire	All	Burns	Instructions provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep area around fire clear Do not cover 	Low
Confined space	All	Overcrowding		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow building capacity guidance 	Low
Asbestos	All	There is asbestos inside the chimney breast.	Regular inspections carried out. The asbestos is not accessible and poses no danger to visitors unless damaged	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't disturb anything inside the chimney breast 	Low

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Bedrooms						
Steep stairs	All	Falling and injury	Handrail and light provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care when using stairs No running or playing on stairs 	Low
Bunk beds	All but mainly children under 10	Falling and Injury		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow your organisation's policy on relevant permissions for sleeping in top bunk Do not allow children to play in bedrooms 	Low
Radiators	All	Burn	Instructions provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not cover heaters 	Low
Sleep walkers	See Health Forms	Falling out of bed, exiting the building		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make leaders aware. 	Low
Bathroom						
Cleaning Materials	All	Chemical Burns/Irritant		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not store cleaning materials in cupboard in bathroom unless locked. Store out of children's reach 	Low
Bath / shower	All	Slip and Injury	Rubber mat provided	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure anti slip mat is used in bath if someone uses the shower Take care when getting in and out of the bath 	Low
Cleaning	All	Cross contamination		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use separate cloths for cleaning toilet and/or sinks. 	Low
General Site						
The Dark	All	Not being able to see and tripping over	Outside lights provided	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring a torch if you are arriving, leaving or plan to be walking around outside in the dark 	Low
Mobile phone reception poor	Mobile Phone Users	No reception		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step outside building for better coverage. 	Low
Car Park	Car users	Injury to people/damage to vehicles		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park sensibly taking into account ground and weather conditions 	Low
Ice and/or snow on lane	Car users	Not being able to get out of the site	Grit bit at the end of Corks Lane	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear lane with shovel (can be found in barn 4) Don't attempt to drive cars until completely clear. 	Low

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Dogs	All	Dog causing distress or injury	None allowed on site other than assistance dogs and the volunteer warden	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any dogs must be on a lead Clean up any dog waste immediately. 	Low
Security	All	Intruders	The site is on private land with clear signage	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider adding security controls in your own risk assessment 	Low
Uneven pathways	All	Slips/Trips/Falls	Regular maintenance of the site	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use torch at night Walk carefully wearing sensible footwear 	Low

RISK MANAGEMENT



RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

	Slight Harm superficial injuries, minor cuts and bruises	Harmful minor fractures, ill health leading to minor disability	Extremely Harmful multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities
Severity	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Likelihood	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
UNLIKELY Rarely happens	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
LIKELY Often happens	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
VERY LIKELY Nearly always happens	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH

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