

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

CAVING

| HAZARD | AT RISK | DEGREE OF RISK | ACTION TO CONTROL RISK | COMMENTS |
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| ENTRANCE (Unsupervised entry) | CLIENT GROUP | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefed at the start of a residential course. • Gate locked when not being used. | |
| PHYSICAL INJURY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Falling/Tripping - Abrasions - Jammed fingers - Being stood on - Kicked in face | CLIENT INSTRUCTOR/ CLIENT | MED/LOW LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasise risk during pre-session briefing. • Use of hand lines where possible, and stalagmites for climbing up and down. • Helmets will be worn at all times. • Appropriate clothing to be worn. Use of Centre boiler suits and knee pads recommended. • Group members warned of working in close proximity to one another. • All instructors shall be first aid qualified. | |
| PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY | CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members not put under unreasonable pressure and forced to complete the activity against their will. | |
| ENTRAPMENT | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to assess individual group member's size and ability. | |
| ATTACKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panic - Asthma | CLIENT CLIENT | MED/LOW MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct route selection. • Inhalers will be taken into the cave system. • Cave system to be kept as clean as practically possible. | |

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| LOST GROUP MEMBER | CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour expectations outlined at the start of the session. Group members told not exit cave unless told to do so. • Monitor the group at regular intervals. • Account for whole group at the end of the session. | |
| CHILD PROTECTION | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid any contact with another person that may be misinterpreted. • Visiting member of staff should be under ground with you. Avoid being alone with a young person. • Care taken that conduct does not provoke unnecessary comment/speculation. | |

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary