

Risk assessment for orienteering at Henley Fort, High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners

Human Hazards

Hazard type	Who may be harmed	Is the risk adequately controlled
All hazards	All participants	Site specific trained and assessed Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD) Instructors only. Staff must follow operational procedures of activity sessions. Participants to be split into groups and briefed to remain together at all times. Clearly explain all boundaries on centre. See 'general' risk assessment for SOLD centre.
Trips and slips	All participants	Briefing participants of potential dangers.
Getting Lost	All participants	Instructors must follow guidelines on briefing participants including what to do in the event of getting lost. Use appropriate course to fit age & ability of group. SOLD staff and accompanying group leaders to patrol the site for the duration of the activity.

Environment Hazards

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Road Traffic	All participants and staff	Ensure that participants are aware of roads, suitable parking areas provided, warning signs for vehicle users.
Drowning (if applicable)	All participants	Briefing on orienteering area and out of bounds areas.
Personal injury - abrasions to skin from vegetation	All participants and staff	SOLD trained staff to brief, full body covering when running through vegetation or use the paths only. Warn participants about branches and stems flicking back as people push past. Ensure participants with any allergic reactions are known and appropriate medication is carried.

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Poisoning	All participants	Brief participants not to eat or touch anything they are uncertain about.

Equipment Hazards

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Inaccurate maps	All participants	Visit area beforehand, regularly maintain and update maps.