

RISK ASSESSMENT: Ferny Crofts Fright Night

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Spooky Trail

What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
			Probability	Severity	Risk		Probability	Severity	Risk
Slips, trips and falls	All	Cuts, bruises, grazes, Breaks and sprains etc.	5	3	15	- Participants warned in welcome briefing about exposed tree roots and potential trip hazards. - All participants instructed to wear appropriate footwear prior to arrival on site. - All young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult leader. - All props and displays placed away from the path. - Lighting in place throughout the trail. - Stewards at each display zone, who are first aid trained or can contact a first aider.	3	3	9
Unauthorised access to trail	Participants	Unsupervised access to constructions on the trail.	4	3	12	- Young people kept in designated activity zones during the day, prior to trail opening. - Fences will be put up to prevent access to trail prior to opening. 'No Entry' signs placed at all entrances. - Participants to be warned in welcome briefing to stay in their activity zones throughout the day.	2	3	6
Exposure/ Hypothermia	All	Sun burn, feverish, and other symptoms	3	3	9	- Staff and participants urged to make sure they have suitable clothing prior to the activity. - Stewards at display zone areas to be vigilant for signs of participants feeling cold. - All young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult leader.	1	3	3
Equipment failure	All	Electric shocks, concussion	4	4	16	- Staff members to test all electrical appliances before setting out in the trail. - Stewards will be supervising each display area whilst trail is in use. - All staff members will carry emergency torches in case of loss of power to lighting.	2	4	8

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Strobe Lighting	All	Seizures, dizziness, nausea	3	4	12	- Warnings in participant information packs - Participants warned as part of briefing video - Volunteers to declare medical conditions on sign up form - First Aid team contactable throughout the event	1	4	4
Smoke, Haze, Fog Effects	All	Distress, Asthma, Allergic Reaction	2	3	6	- Smoke fluid to be brought in and meet regulatory standards - Smoke levels monitored throughout the event by staff & volunteers	1	3	3
Scary elements of trail	All	Emotional Distress, Panic Attack,	4	3	12	- Emergency exits to be marked out and Marshall by volunteers - Young or vulnerable people must have suitable adult supervision. - Mental Health First Aiders on site and contactable - Information and warnings given before the trail	2	3	6
Falling Objects (Natural, decorations & structures)	All	Contusions, cuts, grazes, loss of consciousness, broken bones, death.	3	4	12	- All temporary structures, decorations and large theming elements to be secure and checked prior to participants entering trail. - Wind speed to be monitored - Volunteers & Staff to monitor each zone - Route is to be visually checked by a member of competent staff for any tree limbs at risk of falling.	1	4	4
Open fires, flames, fuels and combustible's	All	Wildfire, Burns, Explosions	3	5	15	- Open fires are to be lit before the trail and be manageable throughout the trail. A designated volunteer is to supervise the fire throughout. - Fire suppression or extinguishing equipment is readily available by all fires and placed throughout the trail - Fuels are to be kept a minimum of 15ft away from generators and generators will be fuelled before the trail.	2	5	10

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						- Fires will be made in a suitable position and on concrete bases, in metal alter fire drums or other suitable containers. - Tiki Torches will be emptied of fuel after the trail before going into storage.			

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Pumpkin Carving

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Cuts, grazes, bruising and abrasions	All	Cuts, grazes bruising and abrasions.	5	2	10	- Staff members/volunteers to provide clear safety briefing prior to commencing the activity. - Staff members/volunteers to closely supervise participants using carving tools. - Participants' Group Leader to help manage supervision. - First Aid Kit located close to the activity area	2	2	4
Allergic reaction	All	Allergic reaction.	2	3	6	Staff members/volunteers running this activity to verbally check for medical issues before allowing participant to partake in the activity.	1	3	3
Slips, Trips and Falls	All	Cuts, grazes and abrasions.	3	3	9	- All tables and benches to be checked prior to use. - Staff members to ensure area is kept clear of rubbish and obstructions throughout the activity. - Staff Member/volunteer to wipe any pumpkin residue from tables and benches after each session, and if any areas are seen to be particularly messy.	2	3	6
Mallets for cutters hitting hands	All	Bruising, Contusions, Broken Bones	4	3	12	- Young people supervised 1:1 when using tools - Safety brief and directions given to all young people - Volunteers and Staff aware of risk and control measures	2	3	6

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Popcorn

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Burns	All	Burns	4	3	12	- Staff to be trained on how to use each machine according to manufacturer's guidelines. - Machines always supervised by a member of staff. - Staff members to wear long sleeves whilst operating both machines.	1	3	3
Allergic reaction	All	Allergic Reaction	2	3	6	- Ingredients information sign displayed at serving location. - Management to ensure staff member placed on this activity has no relevant allergies. - Staff members to check medical before allowing participant to partake in the activity or consume any of the products.	1	3	3
Equipment failure – Overheating/ Malfunctioning	Staff Member	Electric shock, burns, etc	2	2	4	- Staff to be trained on how to use each machine according to manufacturer's guidelines. - Staff member to turn off machine and cease use if any malfunction is suspected, and inform Duty Manager	2	1	2
Lifting Injuries (muscular strains)	Staff Member	Manual Handling related injuries	3	3	9	- Manual Handling Training provided to all staff members. - Staff to follow safe procedures according to Manual Handling Regulation. - Minimise frequency and extent of lifting.	1	3	3

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Crafts

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Paper Craft	All	Small Cuts	4	2	8	- Close supervision of participants using scissors. - Scissors not to be left unattended between sessions.	1	2	2
Block Building	All	Choking	3	4	12	- Appropriate sized building blocks used depending on the age bracket - Supervision by group leaders - First Aiders available on site	1	3	3

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Fairground Games & Space Hopper Racing

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Slips, trips and falls	All	Cuts, grazes and abrasions.	3	2	6	- All participants instructed to wear appropriate footwear. - Course to be set up on flat ground, away from potential trip hazards. - A specific safety briefing will be given to all participants regarding rules for the safe use of the space hoppers. - Volunteers to supervise area and ensure participants are using the equipment correctly. - Staff member/volunteer present to be first aid trained, or with the ability to contact a first aider.	2	2	4
Collision between participants – causing impact injuries	Participants	Concussion, bruises and cuts.	3	3	9	- Course constructed to ensure a good amount of space between racers. - All participants briefed not to stray from their racing area - Stewards to closely supervise and ensure participants stay in their racing line.	1	3	3
Misuse of equipment	All	Various injuries.	3	3	9	- Staff / Volunteers assigned to each stall to supervise and instruct participants. - Staff members/volunteers trained in how to use equipment according to manufacturer's guidelines.	1	3	3

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Car Parking

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Slips, trips and falls	All	Cuts, bruises and abrasions	3	3	9	- All site users instructed to wear appropriate footwear prior to arrival. - Pedestrians to use Gateway instead of walking over the cattle grid. - Additional lighting provided for guests' departure from site - Young people to be dropped off and picked up by parents and with adult leader at Quiet Area or Marquee, away from the car park.	2	3	6
Pedestrians hit by vehicles	All	Broken bones, concussion and bruises	3	3	9	- Stewards in car park to control entry, minimising the number of vehicles moving around at any one time. - Staff members to wear Hi-Vis jackets and have torches in hours of darkness 5mph signed speed limit in place on the entrance track, 5mph in place in the car park. - One way system in place to control flow of traffic. - Stewards to ensure any pedestrians are being directed away from the car park to designated drop off points once leaving their vehicles.	1	3	3
Vehicular access to site other than car park	All	See above, damage to property and ground.	4	3	12	- Gates from the car park to other areas of site kept locked shut throughout the event. - No vehicles to be moving around the site during the main event times. - Any supplier vehicles entering the site to collect equipment to be escorted by Ferny Crofts staff wearing high-vis vest. - Gates to main field kept shut.	1	3	3
Emergency access blocked	Injured persons on site	Person in need unable to receive medical treatment.	4	4	16	- Car Park Stewards to ensure that no car blocks any access points for emergency vehicles to pass through. - Event equipment set up to ensure access routes to all areas of site are kept clear. - Customers who are remaining on site to be given a parking permit stating where they are located, in case they are required to move.	2	4	8

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Please see separate relevant Risk Assessments already in place at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre, or undertaken by any third-party provider, for the following activities:

General Site, Backwoods Cooking, Archery, Tomahawks (Pop Up), Campfire, Bouldering, Adventure Course, Water Rockets, King Bounce A-Lot, Creature Teachers and Dinomania.

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Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.