

Risk Assessment – Hammock Circle

Workplace Location: Warren Oak Campsite, Hollow Ln, Ledbury HR8 1NQ		
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Task Description: Participants will use various hammocks within the hammock circle, including entering, exiting, and gentle swinging, without direct instructor supervision. The activity encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and physical coordination.		



Number	Hazard Identification	Who May be Harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
1	Slips, Trips & Falls: Uneven terrain and unstable footing can lead to falls. Participants may lose balance when getting in or out of hammocks.	All	Provide a clear safety instruction before use. Ensure participants wear proper footwear with good grip. Adult supervision required.	Low
2	Equipment Failure: Worn or damaged hammock straps, fabric, or support structures may break or become unstable. Improper use of equipment can lead to accidents.	All	Conduct regular inspections and maintenance checks. Keep a maintenance log to track wear and repairs. Posts and attachment points are part of a fixed installation; these are included in regular inspections. Provide clear usage instructions for participants.	Low
3	Unsecured Hammocks: Hammocks are tied and this may not be done properly.	All	Hammocks to be positioned 1ft off the ground and all hammocks need to be checked to be securely tied off with adult supervision. Hammocks should be tied off to the steel eyelets fitted to the poles.	Low

4	Weather Conditions: Wet or windy conditions can make surfaces slippery and affect stability. Extreme temperatures may impact participant endurance.	All	Monitor forecasts and advice to adjust participation based on conditions.	Low
5	Behavioural Risks: Reckless movement or lack of attention can increase the likelihood of injury. Overcrowding may lead to collisions or unsafe use of hammocks.	All	Set clear conduct rules and encourage responsible participation. Only one person is allowed on individual hammocks. Adult supervision required.	Low

Emergency Procedures	Monitoring and Review
• First aid kits readily available. • Provide first aid and call emergency services if necessary. • Report all accidents via the QR Code, and to the Site Team or via the emergency contact number.	• Regular Inspections: Weekly checks of the equipment for potential hazards. • Annual Review: Comprehensive review of the risk assessment and control measures. • Incident Reporting: Immediate review following any incident or near-miss. • Feedback: Gather feedback from participants to identify areas for improvement.

Notice: Risk assessments are to be used in conjunction with your own risk assessments to enjoy a safe stay at Warren Oak Campsite.