

Risk Assessment – Junior Caving System



Workplace Location: Warren Oak Campsite, Hollow Lane, Ledbury HR8 1NQ		
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Task Description: Participants will navigate the Junior Recycled Caving System, including entering, exiting, and moving through low-level recycled tunnel sections, 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, wet surfaces, and unstable footing can lead to falls. Participants may lose balance when entering, exiting, or moving through the recycled caving tunnels.	All	Provide a clear safety instruction signage before use. Ensure participants wear proper footwear with good grip. Place signage warning of uneven terrain and slippery surfaces. Adult supervision required when in use.	Low
2	Equipment Failure: Worn or damaged tunnel sections, connectors, or support structures may break or become unstable.	All	Conduct regular inspections and maintenance checks of equipment.	Low
3	Falling Objects: Loose branches, or unsecured tunnel lids may fall onto participants or spectators. Personal items may drop inside or outside the tunnels.	All	Secure loose items. Provide clear usage instructions for participants. Monitor and check surrounding trees. Ensure that the tunnel lid entrance and exit are open when in use and closed when not in use.	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 equipment.	All	Set clear conduct rules and encourage responsible participation. Only one person is allowed on individual tunnels. Improper use of the junior caving system can lead to accidents. Adult supervision required. No running or pushing near tunnel entrance.	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 campsite 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.