



Torbay District Scout Campsite

Easterfield Lane, Torquay, TQ1 4SW

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Risk Assessment

Activity: Use of outdoor areas	Prepared by: Doug Eltham	Role: Trustee	Date: 31/5/2026
Location: Torbay District Scout Campsite	Reviewed by: Nicki Spalding	Role: District Lead Volunteer	Date: 02/6/2026
Review due by: 31/5/2027			

This risk assessment is to be used to support visiting groups prepare their own risk assessments. Responsibility for ensuring a suitable, current, and activity-specific risk assessment rests with the organising group and activity leaders.

Hazard and Risk	Who might be harmed	Control Measures Already in Place	Additional Actions	Residual Risk Rating	Amendments at Review
Sloping path on south side of building – slippery when wet – causing trips, slips, falls. Potential to run uncontrolled into car park.	All	• 'No running' sign in place on the wall by the path. • There is a barrier fence separating the path from the car park.	• Event Leader - Full safety briefing prior to event. • Additional awareness when walking through car park. • Campsite gates to remain shut when campsite is in use. • Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.	Low	
Car Park - Low speed collision of people with cars. Trips, slips & falls due to uneven surface.	All	• Signs at entrance to campsite ask drivers to approach with care. 5mph signs in place.	• Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. • No running across carpark.	Low	

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			- Increased awareness. required when crossing car park to activities. - Campsite gates to remain closed when campsite is operational. - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.		
Paths around site – particularly grass, which is slippery when wet – causing trips, slips and falls.	All	Main paths periodically inspected and maintained.	- Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. - Young people will be advised not to run and to be aware of the ground underfoot. - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event. - Report defects to Camp Warden.	Low	
Stranger on site causing safeguarding concerns.	All	Secure fence around perimeter of campsite.	- Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. - Leaders onsite are to challenge any unknown persons and to report anything suspicious to the duty warden. - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.	Low	
Smoking on site causing poor air quality, smoke inhalation, public health issues, burns, fire.	All	Torbay District Campsite has been designated a No Smoking campsite, including vaping	All adults to leave the campsite if they wish to smoke.	Low	
Camp Fire	-	-	Please refer to TDSC004 – Campfire Circle	-	
Wood burning stove	-	-	Please refer to TDSC015 – Wood Burning Stoves	-	

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Pizza oven	-	-	Please refer to TDSC014 – Use of Pizza Oven	-	
The Bridge area – potential for trips, slips and falls.	All	Periodically inspected and maintained.	- Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. - Awareness required when using this space of uneven ground, and obstructions. - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.	Low	
The Shelter area – potential for slips, trips and falls.	All	Periodically inspected and maintained.	- Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. - Awareness required when using this space of obstructions and adjacent carpark. - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.	Low	
Heavy items – manual handling causing injury.	All	-	- Event Leader- Full safety briefing prior to event. - Break the task down into manageable amounts. - Work together. - Don't expect young people to lift things that are too heavy (even if they're keen to help). - Good leader awareness and vigilance during event.	Low	
Waste and litter attracting vermin.	All	- Waste bags provided to campers. - Bin store at top of top field for secure waste storage.	Event Leader to ensure team using the bin waste and bin store.	Low	

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Grass, open areas - rabbit or other animal burrows causing slips, trips and falls; tent pegs, ash etc. hidden in the grass causing minor injury.	All	- Periodic maintenance of uneven surfaces. - Periodic cleanse of surfaces with magnetic roller.	- Event leader to ensure vigilance and awareness that the fields are open to wildlife and to watch footing accordingly. - Report all surface damage to Camp Warden for rectification. - Shoes to be worn at all times. - Be vigilant during camp and leave the pitch clear.	Low	
Trees and woodland spaces. Risk of falling trees, branches and other debris from above.	All	Periodic inspection and maintenance of trees by warden / arboricultural professional.	- Do not pitch tents or undertake activities below trees in storm conditions. - Visually inspect limbs before activity and report any concerns to the Campsite Warden.	Med	
Stoves causing tents and vegetation to catch alight causing burns and potential fatalities.	All	Fire Call Point – manual bell and water buckets.	- All naked flames e.g. Cooking equipment, stoves, campfires etc. MUST be accompanied by an appropriate extinguisher kept within 3 meters of the source of ignition. - A 2m gap to be maintained between tents used for cooking and tents used for sleeping accommodation. - Participants to be briefed on location of closest Fire Call Point.	Med	

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