

Risk assessment

Slip and Slide



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Name of activity, event, and location	Slip n Slide water activity	Date of risk assessment	01 Sept 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Jane Leadbetter GLV
		Date of next review	Aug 2026		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
For example: Hazard: fire Risk: smoke inhalation or burns	Leaders, visitors, Young Leaders, Scouts	Smoke: use dry wood, check wind direction, stand people out of smoke direction. Burns: stay a safe distance from fire, place extra wood on carefully, teach Scouts good practice around fires, have a burns first aid kit easily available.	
Setting up a slip n slide activity – Risk: Bumpy ground causing grazing, bruising to the body	All	Find a suitable grassy flat area or hillock that is smooth. Remove any stones or sticks etc. Fix the slide sheet to the ground with lawn staples pressed firmly to the ground. Roll pool noodles at end of slide to help finish slide safely.	
Behaviour due to excitement – Risk- accident to self and others	All	Everyone to be instructed re how to slide, taking turns, staying safe. Adult supervising at top and bottom of slide activity. No inflatables to be added to the activity. Suitable wet clothing to be worn. T shirts etc to protect body grazes. Only sliding on tummy allowed and to lead with their hands. No running on or around the slide.	
Inactive use of slide – Risk – dried up sheet cause injury	All	However administered, water must be constantly added, along with liquid soap, to keep slippery surface.	
Soap allergy – Risk - rash	All	Check all participants are aware of type of liquid soap used. Use non-allergenic soap Towels to be made available	
Hazard – slips, falls, slides Risk- injury	All	All participants to adhere to the activity rules. First Aider at the activity First Aid kit available at the activity	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

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