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Scouting and Guiding aim to allow young people to develop by meeting challenges that they do not necessarily meet every day and to experience a sense of adventure and excitement in overcoming them. Some degree of risk is unavoidable if the sense of adventure and excitement is to be achieved. However, it is important to remember that activities and environments should only create a sense of adventure and excitement and not cause harm to youngsters.

Everyone involved in Jurassic International Jamboree 2018 is committed to making the camp a challenging and exciting experience for everyone – and as safe as is reasonably practicable. This will be achieved by ensuring that our activities are undertaken based upon the principles of risk assessment and guided by the Scout Association POR & Guide Association Guiding Manual.

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A risk assessment is nothing more than a careful examination of what could cause harm to people during events or activities, and a proactive approach to lessen the chance of an untoward event ever happening. We all undertake mental risk assessments every day of our lives, for example when crossing the road. A risk assessment weighs up whether or not we have taken enough precautions with our activity, or should do more to prevent harm.

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Accidents, ill health, and losses can ruin lives and affect the reputation of our Movements. The Scout and Guide Associations are both committed to undertaking risk assessment as detailed within both the Scout Association and Girl Guiding publications.

For Jurassic International Jamboree 2018 we need to document our risk assessments. They will be required by: health and safety regulators; environmental health regulators; fire officers; licensing officers, etc. They will be invaluable to remind all participants in Jurassic International Jamboree 2018 of the precautions that must be taken to keep everyone safe from harm. They are also the mechanism by which we can demonstrate to either a criminal or civil court that we have done all that was reasonable to safeguard the health or safety of those participating in our activities.

A risk assessment is a commitment to safety from us to the participants at Jurassic International Jamboree 2018 and a commitment to a safe future.

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Once an assessment has been completed it is important that it is regularly revisited as the related hazards may change for a variety of reasons every day, for example the weather, the size, age of the participants, the instructors experience etc.

During and after Jurassic International Jamboree 2018 all risk assessments should be reviewed, to determine whether experience suggests that activities could be done differently in the future.

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There is no prescribed or mandated method for recording a risk assessment. The final page to this document contains a suggested method, but most mechanism of recording that includes the following areas is acceptable.

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Consider the area, environment, people, and activity/task, list all hazards for your activity or facility. It is important to assess all areas of the activity and not just look at it from one perceptive. Consider the ages, experience range as well as the international nature of the participants at Jurassic International Jamboree 2018.

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The consideration of who is at risk will be dependent on the type of activity that you are assessing, for example campers, adults or everyone. You may need to consider specific individuals, for example persons using specialised equipment or campers with specific needs.

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What is already in place to reduce the risk of the hazards for example training, authorisation, protective clothing? Detail these existing controls.

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The risk is a function of the severity of the hazard occurring and its likelihood.

A trivial injury such as a blister would be low severity, a broken leg higher severity.

Likelihood can be thought of as ranging from unlikely – low, to common - high.

If the risk is deemed as too high, what can be done to reduce the risk – are there other control measures that can be put in place? This may be as simple as better supervision or as complex as redesigning the whole activity. It may be that existing control methods already give a low risk rating though it is always worth looking to reduce the risk further if possible.

Whether a risk is acceptable is a balanced decision.

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There are many sources of guidance and advice to help you undertake your risk assessments:

Safety in Scouting: Safety Checks

Fact sheet 129999.

Safety in Scouting: Activities Risk Assessment

Fact sheet 120000.

Being Prepared: An Introduction to Risk Assessment

Girl Guiding UK

Scout Association POR

Guiding Manual

5 Steps to Risk Assessment

Health and Safety Executive

The Event Safety Guide: A Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Similar Events Health and Safety Executive

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LIKELIHOOD

What is the most likely Outcome?

1 No injury, loss or harm

2 Trivial injury (graze or blister)

3 First aid injury (Camp Medical Centre)

4 Major injury (Hospital Treatment)

5 Death or disablement

LIKELIHOOD

How likely is the hazard to cause Injury / loss or harm?

1 Unlikely (not going to happen)

2 Possible (once during camp)

3 Occasional (once or twice during camp)

4 Frequent (daily)

5 Regular (once or twice a day)

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Risk Ratings Level

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|  | = Low Risk |  | = Medium Risk |  | = High Risk |

**A High Risk is unacceptable**