



Risk Assessment for Scramble Net Sleepover 18.02.05

Venue: Scout Hut, Station Road, North Mymms.

Prepared by James Bentall (Scout Leader), February 4th, 2005

Risk	Likelihood (1...5)	Severity (1...5)	Risk (LxS)	Action taken to reduce risk
Scout falling off net	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety talk to young people beforehand • Check that all attendees have no history of sleepwalking • Tie nets up so that they 'sag' in the middle so that if a child rolls over or moves in the night, they will move towards the middle of the net, and not off the side • Put poles along the edges of the net to physically stop young people from rolling over them • Qualified First Aider onsite at all times • Check first aid kit is fully stocked and individual items are in date. • Limit number of young people allowed in each area of the net to ensure that people will not be 'squashed' and forced over the edge • Discourage young people from standing up, and especially moving whilst standing up, whilst they are up on the net
Scouts getting hurt whilst climbing up/down from net	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie ladders on securely to ensure no movement • Scouts are not allowed to climb up/down ladders whilst carrying kit – hands and feet must be on ladder at all time. Kit can be passed up by rope or via other scouts • Ensure all scouts have gone to the toilet before going to sleep for the final time to reduce the chance of them needing to during the night • Put mattresses around the area where the ladders are so that if scouts do slip they will have a soft landing • James to be on duty whilst scouts are going to sleep and assist with climbing down/up as necessary. • Keep a light source on the ladders all night so scouts can see what they are doing • Qualified First Aider onsite at all times • Check first aid kit is fully stocked and individual items are in date. • Safety talk and demonstration how to climb up and down safely beforehand. • Stagger young people moving up or down so there is no more than one person on a ladder at any one time.
Scouts falling through net	1	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure netting is small enough to prevent this from happening • Pass ropes underneath and through netting, or double over netting to reduce the size of any larger holes



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Net falling down	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get additional knowledgeable adult to check knots are secure before young people are allowed onto net to provide a second opinion • Tie net on in such a way so that if one rope fails or comes loose, others will still hold net up (by crossing ropes over the top of each other) • Encourage scouts to tell a leader if they notice any loose ropes • Discourage scouts from acting in such a way on the net that would cause the ropes to come loose • Check knots and tightness of netting between the two sleepovers • Use previous knowledge – net has been put up before for over a week on two occasions and has not come down • Limit number of young people attending to ensure there is not too much weight on the net
Scouts getting too cold/hot/thirsty etc whilst asleep	5	1	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor temperature in the hut by use of the central heating • Tape up windows before sleepover starts to stop excessive heat escape • Ensure scouts have sufficient supply of clothing near them on the net in case they get colder in the night • Have water available just before bed time if scouts are thirsty