

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Independent Scouting – Activities inside the home	Date of risk assessment	23/10/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	
		Date of next review	31/03/2026		

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.
Safeguarding issues – risk of abuse, inappropriate behaviour, misunderstanding	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Scouting adult volunteers to read and understand enhanced safety and safeguarding messaging in welcome pack Two adults must be present on the call (when call is required). Adult volunteers to always follow Yellow Card Adult volunteers have up to date Safeguarding training 	
Online safety – Risk of abuse, inappropriate behaviours, misunderstanding	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise young people when they're online and give them advice about staying safe. Further advice and information can be found on the Scouts website or from the NSPCC. 	
Sharp items including scissors and knives– cuts or other injuries from mistakes or misuse.	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers to consider which parts of the activity need to be done by adults (or with close supervision). Adult supervision is advised when using sharp items 	
Cables and electricity – trips, falls, electrocution, electric shock or burns from mistakes or misuse.	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appliances close to sockets where possible. No liquids near electrical items where possible. Activity and programme planning tool safety alerts brief young people on use of electrical items. 	
Heat sources – burns or scalds from mistakes or misuse.	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult supervision is advised when using glue guns, irons or soldering iron 	

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<p>Glues and solvents – inhalation or injuries from mistakes or misuse.</p>	<p>YP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the manufacturer’s guidance for use. • Adults to supervise young people when they’re using solvents and glues. • When using glues and solvents, the area used should have good ventilation. • Try to use the safest glue option available. 	
<p>Science – cuts, burns and other injuries from mistakes or misuse.</p>	<p>YP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults to supervise and support young people • Use protective clothing where necessary. • If using recycling or rubbish, ensure all items are clean and suitable for the activity. 	
<p>Technology (phones, cameras, computers, music, films) - Engaging in inappropriate content, partaking in actions not allowed leading to emotional distress</p>	<p>YP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Others aware and have given consent for photography. • Make sure music and films are approved by an adult. 	

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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