

Risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	Flag break & Ceremonies	Date of risk assessment	27 th October 2020	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Tris Cocks
		Date of next review	January 2027		

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<i>Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.</i>	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	<i>Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.</i>	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Rope – Strangulation / injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope to be secured to cleat on the pole or Wall at all times. YP to be made aware of Location of Flag and rope whilst in the Scout hut, especially when games or physical activities are taking place 	
Flag Pole - injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flag pole to be secured using Guy Lines and suitable length pegs Daily checks of Guy Line tightness and Pegs to be undertaken All Persons to be reminded not to walk and run around or under Flag Pole If the Flag pole is due to be used for a long period of time, consideration should be given to securing the base of the Pole with Pegs and rope Free-standing Flag Pole not to be used in strong winds. 	
Weather - Hypothermia / Hyperthermia	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Clothing to be worn for weather conditions. Coats allowed to be worn over the top of Uniforms if required. 	
Fainting - Injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During long Ceremonies or Parades where there are long periods of standing, All attendees are to be reminded of the importance of a hearty meal before the event Consideration to be given to passing sweets around prior to the event to increase blood sugar level 	
Behaviour	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioural expectations of all persons involved in the activity to be briefed before the activity commences. 	
Supervision	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision of YP to be within minimum ratios as specified in POR. 	

Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)

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First Aid	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one leader to hold a current first aid qualification and to have easy access to a first aid kit suitable for the activity. 	

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Version Control

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27 th October 2020	1	Tris Cocks	Initial Version
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