



Risk Management Arrangements – Oasis Woodland

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Insurance

We hold Public Liability Insurance of £10 million:

Primary Insurer: Activity Business Cover Policy Number: ABC-0001183
Limit of Liability: £10million

Site Hazards

Risks on activities will be managed by Mr H Outdoor Experiences Ltd. In addition to these visit leaders should be aware of the following risks and consider these in their supervision arrangements during non-activity times:

- Main activity areas remain accessible when not in use and no Mr H team member is present. The fire area will not be accessible without a Mr H team member if the fire is lit.
- Off-site activities such as field study excursions are in public environments that Mr H Outdoor Experiences does not control.
- No children are allowed in the water, either the river or pond, unless an agreed activity is being conducted by a Mr H team member.
- As the Oasis Woodland is a woodland there will be trip hazards from natural landscapes, foliage and felled trees – visitors will not run around the woodland and make sure they conduct themselves accordingly to limit trips/falls.

Risk Assessments

Our risk assessment programme covers all elements of our activities and learning programmes, fire safety and our site.

Our risk assessments are largely internal documents and are unlikely to be of use to visit leaders but will be made available on booking.

Risk/Benefit Evaluation

It is not possible for us to remove all risk from outdoor learning and it brings little benefit to try. The choices we make in adopting risk control measures are informed by the level of benefit that the experience brings. Evaluating whether a risk is acceptable can be difficult, and may vary depending on the needs or objectives of those exposed. We only define benefit in terms of learning and development outcomes for participants. Tolerating higher levels of risk is never justified for reasons of cost, ease or speed where it is otherwise reasonably practical to reduce these risks.

To make evaluation more objective we use a matrix to determine whether the benefit of retained risk is Acceptable, Tolerable or Unacceptable. We do not operate activities where the risk/benefit evaluation suggests the risk is unacceptable.

Main Activity Risks

These are the main risks arising from our activity and learning programmes:

	Falls from height	Slips, trips and falls	Burns	Non-superficial cuts	Drowning	Entanglement or Entrapment	Contact with moving machinery	Struck by moving objects	Contact with moving vehicles	Injuries from lifting and handling	Exposure to harmful substances	Contact with the public
Archery (soft)	✓	✓				✓		✓				
Water Sports	<i>Not available at Oasis Woodland</i>											
Bushcraft		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓		
Team Building Activities	✓	✓						✓		✓		
Evening Programmes		✓	✓									
Off-site Studies		✓			✓				✓			✓

Staff training

All staff are trained and assessed to in-house standards in order to deliver activity learning outcomes.

First Aid

There will be a first aider with a Pediatric First Aid qualification on site during learning visit times. A first aid kit will be always available on site.

Supervision

Mr H team members to participant ratio is specified in each activity risk assessment this is usually 1:15 for normal risk activities or 1:30 for lower risk activities such as those that are part of traditional tales readings. If woodland/nature clubs are on site, there will be at least two Mr H team members present at a ratio of 2:30.

We request that an accompanying adult (school/youth visits) is present for all activities to assist with behaviour and pastoral supervision. Outside of timetabled activity periods responsibility for the supervision of children and young people lies with their accompanying adults and not with Mr H team members. This includes supervision during the night.

At all times that we have groups on site we will provide a member of staff on duty and make our visitors aware of how they can be contacted, day or night. This will normally be using a mobile telephone contact number.

Safeguarding

All our team members are DBS checked and are trained in safeguarding principles and there is a Designated Safeguarding Lead on site or available to contact.

Fire Safety

The woodland site has a fire risk assessment in place. Fire procedures will be explained to visitors on arrival day and the position of the fire assembly point.