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HAZARD	RISK	CONTROL MEASURE	FURTHER ACTION REQURED	RESPONSIBILITY / DUE & COMPLETED DATES
General	Various injuries	Code of Practice applies Suitably qualified & experienced instructor (includes First Aid) Clear briefings & supervision – instructor should be in a position to spot as necessary and appropriate All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded and appropriate action undertaken as required. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. Seek & share information with similar providers	No further action at this stage	
For every session there will be a dynamic risk assessment on arrival and will be on going throughout the activity session				
Extreme Weather	Sunburn Hypothermia Hyperthermia	Instructor to check weather forecast prior to activity & observe conditions throughout. If necessary change plans, amend route & move to safety. Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing plus access to warm (or cold) drinks Remind visiting staff & young people about sun protection.	No further action at this stage	
Equipment Failure	Various injuries	All equipment checked prior to use. Regular checks, maintenance & renewal schedule All equipment to correspond to required standards Personal protective equipment checked for correct fitting & monitored throughout activity by the instructor	No further action at this stage	
Participants	Various	Participants asked to share relevant previous & existing medical issues. Visiting group leaders asked any other (eg behavioural) issues Staff ratios (group size) amended as required	No further action at this stage	

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Railway Tracks	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Wooden elements can be slippery in wet weather. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards	No further action at this stage	
Tyresome	Various injuries Fall from height	Briefing & supervision. Wooden elements can be slippery in wet weather. Brief to include manual handling, safe movement of plank and trapping hazards. Helmets to be worn	No further action at this stage	
Bridge Build	Various injuries Fall from height Hammer impact	Briefing & supervision. Wooden elements can be slippery in wet weather. Brief to include manual handling, safe movement of plank and trapping hazards. Helmets to be worn. Use of Lump Hammer. Instructor to check structure.	No further action at this stage	
Electric Fence	Various injuries, Fall from height	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards. Helmets to be worn Instructor and group to provide spotting	No further action at this stage	
Draw bridge	Various injuries, fall off stumps	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards.	No further action at this stage	
Gunge Pool	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling, trapping hazards & safe movement of planks.	No further action at this stage	
Spiders Web	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards. Helmets ***NOT*** to be worn Instructor and group to provide spotting	No further action at this stage	
Bucket Balance	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards.	No further action at this stage	
Electric Bridge	Various injuries, fall from height	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include manual handling and trapping hazards.	No further action at this stage	
See-Saw	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include trapping hazard. Currently ***NOT*** suitable for use with wheelchairs	No further action at this stage	
Tyre Press	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include trapping hazards.	No further action at this stage	
High Wall	Fall from height, Various injuries	Briefing & Supervision. Brief to include lifting and spotting. ***NO*** running at the wall	No further action at this stage	

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Ice Breakers	Various injuries	Briefing & supervision. Brief to include trip hazards and manual handling as applicable.	No further action at this stage	