



**Linnet Clough Scout Camp and
Activity Centre**

Date: 22/5/2023	Reason for Review: Annual Review	Assessor: Gareth Williams Roy Wood	Task: Grass Sledging	Assessment No: LCA /21
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HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED, OR IS MORE NEEDED?	Risk level
Lifting weighted objects when lifting and carrying sledges to and from store room: Muscle Strain	Site Staff	Storage on mid/ low level shelving. Safe manual handling techniques adopted by supervising adult. 2 adults per sledge to lift down.	Low
Slips, trips and falls whilst carrying sledges.	All	Ensure safe lifting techniques are used with sufficient numbers of people lifting ie., two Young Leaders/ adults per sledge. Clear trip hazards from area before accessing. Ensure carry handle is inside sledge and not dragging on ground. Sledges should be dragged across grass by carry handles to/ from sledging site without passengers. Follow manufacturer's guidance on method of entering.	Low

Moving parts: Trapping fingers in runners: bruising	All	As per user guidelines: Do not put fingers inside moving tracks on sledges. All users must keep hands inside sledges when riding, hold handles inside. Active and firm group control/ supervision.	Low / Medium
Trapping fingers between sledge and other sledges whilst running.	All	As per user guidelines: All users must keep hands inside sledges when riding, hold handles inside. Space sledges out across run (3 sledges maximum) Ensure sledges running parallel to each other. Stagger starts.	Low / Medium
Collisions with other sledges/ other sledge riders.	All	Induction and following of use guidelines. All users wearing safety helmets when sledging/ on sledging track. Ensure slope is clear before commencing run. Active and firm group control/ supervision. One seated rider per sledge.	Low / Medium
Collisions with pedestrians crossing sledge pathways.	All	As per user guidelines: Establish clear sledging area to keep by standers at safe distance and establish pedestrian route for re climbing slope. Ensure trackway in front of sledge is clear of pedestrians before initiating run. Sledges can be given a controlled push off by one bystander. Do not use head first.	Low

Collisions with trees, structures on site and debris and molehills on track. Head injuries, broken limbs, whip lash.	All	As per user guidelines: Use of Safety helmets. Adverse speeds: do not permit participants to run down slope pushing a sledge. Instruct all users to brake with feet in a timely way to ensure no collisions with Users should wear appropriate sturdy footwear to enable braking with feet and safe walking up slope towing sledge. No open-toed sandals/ flip flops/ Crocs, or bare feet	Low
Roll over due to bumps, molehills or objects left on sledge run, sledge malfunction or excessive speed.	All	Pre start checks: Check equipment in good order prior to use. As per user guidelines: Use of Safety helmets. Walk trackway prior to use to check for debris and obstructions. Do not permit participants to run down slope pushing a sledge. Bales of straw acting as a safety barrier at end of course.	Low / Medium
Slips, trips and falls whilst alighting sledge	All	Follow manufacturer's guidance on method of alighting.	Low

Slippery ground conditions	All	Assess ground conditions for safety of users. If wet/ slippery postpone activity until conditions improve. Ongoing monitoring of conditions during use. Do not use other areas of site.	Low
Oils/ lubricants: 'Tiroill' lubrication of sledge runners.	All	Application as per manufacturer's instructions by responsible adult prior to use of sledges. Safe storage of lubricant. (COSSH) Wear appropriate gloves if applying lubricant (Maintenance team / responsible adult only to undertake)	Low
Eye injury when cleaning sledges after use.	All	Wear safety goggles provided if power washing / hosing down runners or lubricating runners.	Low