

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Caving and Mine exploration

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment	19/03/18	Date of Issue	20 th March 2018
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Assessment
carried out by

GN

Signature

Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Dec 2024	IW GN	4/12/24		N
Jan 26	GN PV	6/01/26	Y	
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,GN,DH,PV	10/11/21		N
Nov 22	GN/PV/IW	3/11/22	Y	
Nov 23	IW/GN/DH/PV	14/11/23	Y	

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

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Staff

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Visitors

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Contractor

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Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

DH

Signature:

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefing and management. Staff vigilance. 		Instructor leading the session			
Inappropriate behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefing and management. Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. 					
Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. All leaders should also comply with the Radon Risk Assessment. 			Those with known allergies/conditions to have access to own Inhaler, Adrenalin injector or appropriate medication.		
Injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate. 			First aid kit to be accessible during session		
Falling/slipping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must hold a relevant NGB They must be aware of and comply with the centre operating procedures. Scrambles protected by spotting or by using a handline or assisted handline (no chance of suspension) Briefing of group. Ability of group taken into account. Appropriate footwear worn. Attention of group drawn to specific hazards. 			leader must have the caves/Mines they wish to use listed on their Qualification. Any mines must be PICA approved and Current approved (Blue) route must be followed.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets to be worn by all group members. • Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities. • Regular inspection of all equipment undertaken. • Removal from use of obsolete, unsafe or defective equipment. • Removal of loose clothing, jewellery and anything from pockets. • Tying back of long hair. 			
<p>Extremes of temperature.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. • Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. • Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. • Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing and equipment. • Suitable emergency equipment carried 			
<p>Extreme weather;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. 			
<p>Becoming lost or separated from the group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management • regular re-grouping. • Identification of safe places to wait. • Authorised route <u>must</u> be followed 		<p>This to be updated by PICA representative.</p>	

<p>Falling From Height /Climbs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drops protected by a rope must be belayed by the instructor and if there is a risk of suspension, sit harness's must be worn and releasable systems or Hauling systems must be available • All leaders must be working within the remit of their qualification. • All equipment used must be CE approved All mines to be used must be approved by PICA 		
<p>Changes to cave/mine environment stability /rigging</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to date information available from the Technical advisor and via PICA or DCA 		
<p>Water related infections/Weils disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants to be made aware of the signs and symptoms of Weils disease and action to be taken in the event of these occurring. 		
<p>Current and volume of water.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather and water conditions continually monitored. 		
<p>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the site and engage with the activity. 		<p>A discussion with visiting staff/carers should be had to decide on the most appropriate way to access the site. Or whether a more accessible location is used.</p> <p>Additional staff may be required.</p> <p>Additional time should be factored into the session.</p> <p>Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision</p> <p>Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users</p>

Radon exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor and record amount of exposure each instructor has per year in line with Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR2017)• Minimise trips into High dose areas• Receive up to date level readings from PICA			<p>For visitors with disabilities a discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carer should be had to ensure the most appropriate PPE is worn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructor should have read and understood radon risk assessment		
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