



# INVICTA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CAMPING

<b>Event name</b>	IMC "Have a go" event	<b>Event location</b>	
<b>Event description</b>	Hill walking, mountaineering, wild camping, scrambling	<b>Event base</b>	
<b>Event dates</b>		<b>Scout sections involved</b>	All leaders from any section, Network, Explores, Scouts
<b>Event Leader</b>	Neil Pickford (ML Summer)	<b>Risk Assessment written by</b>	Neil Pickford, Judy Young (IMC Team Leader)

Accommodation is provided on a public campsite and is self-catered. All IMC camping trips are *lightweight* and *self-catered*. A NAN form must be completed and submitted prior to all events. Note: If wild camping, party leaders must camp within the scope of their permit and the Landowner's permission should be sought.

<b>Hazard: Risk</b>	<b>Who is at risk?</b>	<b>Likelihood/ Seriousness</b>	<b>Control Measures</b>	<b>Review and Revise</b>
Site features: <i>Injury from tripping on guy lines and pegs or vehicles on site.</i>	<b>All Participants</b>	Possible/ Not serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish local geography, including facilities, boundaries and non-camping areas such as car parks or maintenance areas.</li> <li>Ensure reasonable distance between tents and that ground is clear of obstacles and will not flood before pitching</li> <li>Discourage bare feet, appropriate footwear should be worn</li> <li>Discourage running around tents</li> </ul>	
Drinking Water: <i>Illness from water-borne disease.</i>	<b>All Participants</b>	Possible/ Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp near an appropriate water source and ensure participants know where safe drinking water can be sourced</li> <li>Always boil, filter or chemically treat all drinking water on wild camp sites</li> <li>Instruct participants to see their doctor if they develop flu-like symptoms after a camping trip, particularly wild camping.</li> </ul>	
Waste: <i>Illness from infection or vermin</i>	<b>All Participants</b>	Possible/ Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure participants know where both waste water and general waste should be disposed of</li> <li>Discourage leaving any waste outside tents overnight where it can be ransacked by wildlife</li> <li>If wild camping ensure that all participant follow the countryside code and carry out ALL waste for appropriate disposal off the hill</li> </ul>	
Personal Hygiene: <i>Illness</i>	<b>All Participants</b>	Unlikely/ Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure valley campsites have suitable toilets, washing and showering facilities (including for the safe disposal of feminine hygiene products)</li> <li>Kit list must include personal hygiene facilities/wash kit for participants</li> <li>Strongly encourage hand-washing before eating and after toileting</li> <li>If wild camping, ensure all participants have been briefed on procedures for safe and hygienic toileting</li> </ul>	



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Missing or unsuitable equipment: <i>Tent cannot be erected or hot food/drink made</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Not serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide comprehensive kit list</li> <li>• Check equipment before departure</li> <li>• For wild camping, provide suitable additional equipment if necessary</li> </ul>	
Weather: <i>Cold, wet, wind</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Serious Very serious in winter conditions*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that equipment is suitable for forecast conditions</li> <li>• Ensure that tents are pitched correctly</li> <li>• Consider the forecast when selecting a (wild) camp site</li> <li>• Knowledge weather conditions is particularly important if Winter conditions prevail</li> <li>• Establish controlled abandonment procedure in emergencies</li> </ul>	
Darkness: <i>Losing tent or injury</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish safe procedures for night time visits to the facilities (buddy system)</li> <li>• Ensure local geography is understood in daylight (especially) when wild camping</li> <li>• Always take a torch</li> <li>• Mark the tents with additional torch/snap light or if necessary</li> </ul>	
Cooking in tents: <i>Fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, burns and scalds</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Very serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not allow cooking in tents (cooking in a separate shelter or under a fly may be permitted, if deemed safe and suitable by a qualified leader)</li> <li>• Do not allow liquid or solid fuel stoves (gas only for u18)</li> <li>• Have suitable first aid(er) available at all times</li> <li>• Ensure reasonable distance between tents to prevent fire spreading</li> <li>• Ensure all participants understand the dangers of carbon monoxide when using camping stoves.</li> </ul>	
Wildlife: <i>Delay, injury, illness</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild or farm animals may be encountered nearby but they are likely to be fenced/controlled and unlikely to interact with humans by choice.</li> <li>• Check for ticks in sheep farming areas and use appropriate device to remove. Seek medical attention if become unwell due to tick bite.</li> <li>• Also see waste</li> </ul>	
Safeguarding: <i>On public campsites, unwarranted interest from strangers</i>	All Participants	Possible/ Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure whole group camps together</li> <li>• No mixed tents. NOTE: mixed include male/female and under 18 / over 18</li> <li>• Under 18s must visit the facilities in pairs</li> <li>• Advise that females and any vulnerable adults also visit the facilities in pairs</li> </ul>	

\*Winter conditions refers to when snow and ice prevail is are forecast and cannot be defined by a time of the year. (This is TSA definition and not that of Mountain Training).



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Behaviour:	All Participants	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capture any potential behaviour issues on the application form (ADHD, Autism etc) and plan appropriately, informing party leaders</li><li>• Ensure safe and appropriate behaviour is observed from both adults and YPs at all times while on the campsite</li><li>• Inappropriate behaviour (by both adults and YPs) should be dealt with swiftly by the party and/or event leaders. Dynamic assessment required as will depend on the circumstances</li><li>• If the participant refuses to comply or change behaviour then consider sending them home or calling YPs parents to come and collect them.</li></ul>	
Free time <i>Straying out of bounds, getting lost, injury, poor behaviour</i>	All Participants	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind participants about expected behaviour and responsibilities to other campers</li><li>• Inform participants of the site boundaries</li><li>• Inform participants of any potential dangers on site</li><li>• Where applicable, set a curfew to be in tents</li><li>• Inform participants of which tent belongs to the appropriate leader in case of issues or emergencies</li><li>• If allowed off site, inform YPs of expected minimum group size (usually 3)</li></ul>	