

PRO-ACTIVE ADVENTURE

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURE

Activity: Wild Country Walking

Minimum Instructor Competence:
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Is the activity acceptably safe if managed as below? YES
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Main Risks (numbered) People at risk: Participating staff and clients

- 1) Foot and ankle injuries on uneven and/or slippery ground
- 2) Hypothermia
- 3) Exhaustion
- 4) Dehydration
- 5) Blisters/wet foot problems
- 6) Getting lost being late
- 7) Exposure
- 8) Falls on steep terrain
- 9) Heat stroke
- 10) Sunburn
- 11) Water hazards

How to manage/control/reduce these risks safely (corresponding numbers):

Staff hold relevant governing body qualifications and a first aid certificate

- 1) Wear appropriate well fitting footwear, not trainers
- 2) Wear fibre pile clothing and waterproofs
- 3) Routes chosen within the capabilities of the group
- 4) Carry extra fluids and water purification tablets
- 5) Ensure adequate socks initially for good fit, carry spare dry socks and provide gaiters in wet weather
- 6) Take map, compass and torch
- 7) Carry group shelter and spare food and drink, plus hat and gloves in winter
- 8) Carry and use safety and technical equipment suitable for the chosen route
- 9) Wear loose clothing and hat to shade neck
- 10) Use sun block and after sun cream
- 11) Use appropriate safety techniques to protect the hazard

Activity Instructors must ensure that full emergency escape details and a full route plan is completed before the activity is undertaken and put in the Adventurous Activity File in the unit office.

Summoning Help: A call-out person is appointed before the activity takes place. This person is contacted on completion of the activity. If not contacted, they will take appropriate action.

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Minimum Equipment To Be Carried

Participants:

1. Sturdy footwear NOT trainers.
2. Warm clothing when necessary.
3. Waterproof clothing when necessary.
4. Warm hat and gloves in winter.
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6. Extra, dry socks.
7. Food and drink to suit the expected conditions.

Participants are to report all defects or damage of equipment to the activity instructor Immediately.

Instructor:

1. Company first aid kit.
2. Bivy bag or survival shelter.
3. Emergency food and drink when required.
4. Extra warm clothing, fleece or sleeping bag.
5. Safety equipment: rope/sling/carabineers to suit location.
6. Sun block and after sun cream.
7. Map and compass.
8. Torch and whistle.
9. Water purification tablets.

Note: The instructor must remove any defective equipment from service, clearly labelling the item with what is wrong and notify the stores person.