

Trim Trail Risk Assessment – Hertfordshire Guide Centre



Description: Trim trail equipment is used to create an exciting outdoor trail of activities for children and adults to walk, climb, and more, to get along the trail to the other side. It presents a fun challenge for children, giving them an opportunity to get active, build relationships, work on team building skills, and learn more about the world around them. The Trim Trail at Hertfordshire Guide Centre is classed as Children’s Play Equipment and can be used when **at least 1 adult is actively supervising/assisting with** the usage of the equipment.

Intended outcomes: Enjoyment, community, fitness, and fun.

Leaders are responsible for reviewing and amending the risk assessment with considerations for their unit. It is recommended that this be completed during a site visit and subsequently shared with the leadership Team.

Please note: This equipment is not suitable to be safely used by pre-school children.

Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
			After control measures			
Slips, trips and falls (including falls from height)	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play equipment and the surrounding area to be inspected by competent people regularly. Visual inspections to be carried out before children use the equipment. Leader to supervise the pupils while on the equipment. In inclement weather, the equipment should not be used. 	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamic risk assessment to be completed before any participation occurs. Children to be supervised at all times by a competent adult. Any defects in the equipment should be reported immediately. Any near misses (non-injury accidents) to be recorded and monitored. 	Leaders and HGC committee.

Trapped fingers/clothing etc.	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment is fitted by a competent person and inspected regularly. Visual inspections to be carried out before use. Children to be supervised at all times. Children to wear appropriate clothing. 	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any defects found with the equipment to be reported immediately. Damaged parts to be repaired/replaced (when this cannot be done immediately, the equipment should be taken out of use) 	Leaders and HGC committee
Cleanliness of surrounding area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts, bruises, illness, injury 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual inspection to be completed before equipment is used. Foreign objects need to be cleared away immediately. Site management staff to check the area in line with maintenance checks. 	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to complete a dynamic risk assessment. 	Leaders and site staff
Overstretching and falling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sprains, strains, head injury 	Children of an unsuitable age/height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to be advised that equipment is not suitable for children of pre-school age. Warning signs may be required to remind leaders of height/age restriction. 	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children to be supervised while on the trim trail. 	Leaders
Wet weather	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weather conditions are such that they make the equipment unsafe, the equipment should not be used. Children to be supervised whilst on the equipment. Children are encouraged to wear suitable and clean footwear before climbing on the equipment 	L	L		Leaders



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