

Leeds University Union

Risk Assessment

Name of Group		Wilderness Medicine		Date of Assessment	24/09/09	
Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing already?	What further action is necessary?			
			Action required	By whom	When	Done
Injury during outdoor activity/ event	All participants	Promote awareness of the risk of injury and the importance of safety and awareness of others	Ensure safety protocols followed and First aid kit handy.	PB	24/09/09	Yes
Injury from carrying equipment	All WMS members in all groups at all events	Avoiding the use of very heavy equipment	Give instruction as of correct lifting and carrying procedure	PB	24/09/09	Yes
Injury from preparing food	WMS committee	Only basic food preparation is undertaken with minimal need for knives and dangerous equipment. All preparation is done in a suitable kitchen with all the necessary tools together. Have First aid kit nearby.	Only have selected people involved in preparation with relevant experience. Ensure a clean, tidy work area is maintained.	CB	24/09/09	Yes

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Review Date

24/09/2010

Food poisoning	Those attending weekend away.	Food is bought within 36 hours of preparation and only branded products are used. Meals avoid preparation of fresh raw meat and are made in a suitable kitchen. Disposable crockery is used and all equipment is washed before use.	Only have selected people involved in preparation with relevant experience, where possible. Ensure a clean, tidy work area is maintained.	PB	24/09/09	Yes
Trips, falls and other minor injuries caused by facilities where hold talks: Union	Talk attendees	We have used these facilities before many times and we are satisfied that the centre is generally safe and well looked after to avoid injuries whilst using their facilities	Have a first aider present, if possible. Contact appropriate staff in the event of breakages or any perceived hazard around their site	EH	24/09/09	Yes
Transport- Coach and cars crashing	Members going on weekend away	Using a reliable hire firm that have proved safe in the past and ensuring car drivers have licenses as recommended by union.	Make sure everyone wears a seatbelt. Keep noise levels down in vehicles to avoid distracting drivers. Make sure drivers take regular breaks to prevent tiredness	PB+ to inform all drivers.	24/09/09	Yes
Travel sickness	Members going on weekend away	Ask everyone for medical conditions prior to departure	Be aware of those prone to travel sickness and stop the vehicle if	PB+ to advise drivers.	24/09/09	

			necessary			
Electrocution from electrical equipment	WMS team	Ensure everything has recently been PAT tested. Use union equipment.				
Getting lost on an outdoor event	Members attending	Stay on marked paths, give instructions to stay on planned route	Provide a map of the area and collect mobile phone numbers of members	EH	24/09/09	

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