

Curriculum activity risk assessment

Camping, Residential

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Activity scope

This document relates to student participation in overnight Camping as a curriculum activity.

Residential camping occurs at centres that have permanent facilities, such as toilets, showers, kitchen and dormitory accommodation.

Associated activities (such as swimming, day hiking or rock climbing etc.) **must** be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the specific policy documents for those activities.



Risk level

The actual risk level will vary according to the specific circumstances of the activity and these **must** be considered when assessing the inherent risk level and planning the activity. As a starting point, ask the following questions:

- Which students will be involved?
- Where will the students be?
- What will the students be doing?
- Who will be leading the activity?
- What will the students be using?

Inherent risk level		Action required / approval
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Record controls in your planning documents and/or complete this <i>Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment</i>. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider obtaining parental permission.

Teachers/leaders:

Activity description:

Start date:

Finish date:

No of students (approx.):

Class groups:

Supervision ratio (approx.):



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<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/health/hlspr012/> for master.

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Listed below are the minimum recommendations for this type of activity. For any items ticked 'No', provide further information regarding the additional or alternate controls to be implemented for the safe conduct of the activity.

Minimum supervision

Adequate adult supervision is to be provided. In determining what is adequate, consider the number of students, their individual needs, and the nature of the activity. If an adult other than a registered teacher is engaged for instruction, a teacher should be present to take overall responsibility. [Blue Card](#) requirements **must** be adhered to.

Registered teacher with minimum qualifications as outlined below

OR

An adult with minimum qualifications as outlined below, in the presence of a registered teacher

When planning any outdoor activity, the ratio of qualified, experienced leaders to dependent participants needs to be considered. In certain situations, judgement may dictate smaller or larger numbers of participants per leader.

Several variables can affect this decision, including but not limited to:

- outcomes of the risk management process
- the leaders' experience
- participants' expected capabilities (i.e. experience, competence, fitness)
- type, difficulties, distance and condition of trails, vehicle tracks or roads
- conditions (environment, weather)
- planned duration of the activity
- number of participants and optimum group size
- remoteness of the activity
- suitability and availability of equipment
- likelihood of leader becoming incapacitated or separated from participants.

Further information:

Minimum qualifications

The qualifications listed in this section are minimums for each type of situation. Leaders are encouraged to seek training to raise their qualification level above the minimum listed.

Current first aid qualifications including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or ready access to first aid facilities, including qualified personnel.

OR

Remote Area first aid if operating more than one hour away from emergency services

[Blue Card](#) requirements met

Medium — Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid

Demonstrated skills and currency that meet the leadership, group management, technical capacities and safety requirements (including familiarity with the environment, map coverage of the area and emergency procedures by all adult participants) of the specific circumstances being addressed

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A teacher could demonstrate their competency to conduct an activity to the person approving the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment through their:

- knowledge of the activity and the associated hazards and risks
- experience (i.e. previous involvement) in undertaking the activity
- demonstrated ability and/or expertise to undertake the activity
- possession of qualifications related to the activity

Further information:

Minimum equipment/facilities <i>If 'No' is ticked, provide further information.</i>	Yes	No
First aid kit suitable for activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Communication system</p> <p>Electronic and other equipment that can be damaged by water is to be carried in water resistant containers. Leaders are responsible for determining the equipment to be carried by all participants. The following communication equipment should be carried as appropriate for the activity and area of operation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> student/adult messenger <input type="checkbox"/> phone-line at location <input type="checkbox"/> mobile phone</p> <p>Other:</p>		
Sun safety equipment (hat, sunscreen, shirt etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sufficient drinking water (students should have individual drinking containers and each student should be carrying two-three litres of water/per day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insect repellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Adequate food supplies:</p> <p>When planning for activities, have sufficient supplies for 24 hours more than the initial planned duration.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterproof matches/lighter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable sleeping bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable torch & spare batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate and sufficient clothing and footwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Minimum equipment/facilities
First aid officer should have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a first aid kit suitable for the activity <input type="checkbox"/> a medical alert list collated from information on medical consent forms before departure <input type="checkbox"/> a first aid register, accident and illness reports <input type="checkbox"/> procedures for administering student medication <input type="checkbox"/> a communication procedure for external assistance if required
Students should have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> personal food and water (including emergency rations) if required <input type="checkbox"/> protective clothing (long-sleeved shirt and pants, suitable shoes) <input type="checkbox"/> insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> personal hygiene items <input type="checkbox"/> a plastic bag for rubbish <input type="checkbox"/> a personal first aid kit
Further information:

Hazards and suggested control measures

All persons engaging in this activity should:

- identify the hazards, including any additional hazards not mentioned here
- assess their significance
- manage the potential risks.

Listed below are indicative hazards/risks and suggested control measures. They are by no means exhaustive lists. After checking these, add details of any other identified hazards/risks and additional controls you intend to implement.

Hazards/risks	Control measures	Yes	No	Implementation plan / Additional controls
Animal bites/diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insects • Parasites (ticks, leeches) • Dangerous / poisonous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure students have access to insect repellent. • Ensure that students have long-sleeved shirts and pants. • Ensure that students wear shoes when swimming in creeks etc. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

Hazards/risks	Control measures	Yes	No	Implementation plan / Additional controls
animals (e.g. snakes and spiders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check for ticks and other parasites regularly. • Alert students regarding local animals. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Biological material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bodily fluids (e.g. blood, sweat, saliva) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with HLS-PR-004: Infection Control and Management of Prescribed Contagious Conditions and Infection Control Guideline. Students with open cuts and abrasions are to be removed from the activity and treated immediately. If bleeding cannot be controlled completely, the participant should not be allowed to return to the activity. All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood should be treated as potentially infectious. • Ensure that personal items such as towels and drink bottles are not shared. • Have sufficient and suitable containment material (bandages etc.) readily available. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Surrounds • Temperature/ exposure • Isolation (getting lost) • Plants (e.g. poisonous, stinging) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess weather conditions before and during activity (e.g. temperature, storms). • Ensure that students bring appropriate clothing for all weather extremes (e.g. cold, heat, wet and dry). • Ensure that students have appropriate footwear. • Ensure that students have long-sleeved shirts and pants. • Assess conditions and surrounds before expedition takes place. • Effective communication system 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heights/falling objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliffs, ledges and rock faces • Trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that students do not climb trees. • Constantly monitor surroundings for slip, trip and fall hazards. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional control measures	
<i>These would relate to the specific student needs, location and conditions in which you are conducting your activity.</i>	
Hazards/Risks	Control Measures

Submitted by:	Date:
List the names of those who were involved in the preparation of this risk assessment.	

Approval	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved as submitted:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved with the following condition(s):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved for the following reason(s):
By:	Designation:
Signed:	Date:
Once approved, activity details should be entered into the <i>School Curriculum Activity Register</i> by administrative staff.	Reference no.

Monitor and review <i>To be completed during and/or after the activity and/or at the completion of the series of activities.</i>	Yes	No
Are the control measures still effective?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are further actions required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details:		

Important links

- HLS-PR-003: First Aid
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr003/>
- HLS-PR-004: Infection Control and Management of Prescribed Contagious Conditions
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr004/>
- Infection Control Guideline
http://education.qld.gov.au/health/pdfs/healthsafety/infection_control_guideline.pdf
- HLS-PR-005: Health and Safety Incident Recording and Notification
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr005/>
- SCM-PR-002: School Excursions
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/schools/scmpr002/>
- HLS-PR-013: Developing a Sun Safety Strategy
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr013/>
- Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Water
http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/file/publications/synopses/eh38.pdf
- HRM-PR-010: Working with Children Check – Blue Cards
<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/hr/hrmpr010/>
- Queensland Adventure Activity Standards
http://www.qorf.org.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=1048

Further information

For further information on incorporating risk management strategies into curriculum activity planning refer to [HLS-PR-012 Managing Risks in Curriculum Activities](#) and the associated list of [Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment Guidelines](#). (See: <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/epr/health/hlspr012/index1.html>)

For further support with risk management training and advice, contact trained staff in schools such as Workplace Health and Safety Officers (WHSOs) and Workplace Health and Safety Representatives (WHSRs), and regional staff such as Senior Health and Safety Consultants.