



General Risk Assessment for Poundbury Nature for Wellbeing Activities

Location: The Great Field, Poundbury DT1 2FG

GPS for Air Ambulance 50°42'57.8"N 2°27'25.6"W 50.716045, -2.457109

Car Parking on St John's Way by the surgery/pharmacy.

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Description: Activities will take place on The Great Field (SY67852 90867), or in the PiP café if bad weather.

Nearest A and E department – Dorset County Hospital 01305 255541. There are two GP surgeries on St John's Way.

Site owner: Duchy of Cornwall (01305-250533), or Dorchester Town Council (01305 266861).

First Aid and a Defibrillator is available at the PiP café.

Hazard for practical work tasks	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Severity	Action to be taken	Risk Severity after action taken
Other people / passers by/ child protection.	3	1	3	Be vigilant of dog walkers and other persons on site. Especially important when using power tools	0

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Hand Tools - dangers from own tools and others' tools.	3	3	9	Tool safety talk on arrival and subsequently as required, including safe use, carrying and storage of tools. Participants to be made aware of safe working distances for different tools. Condition and suitability of tools to be	3
Dangers from power tool users	5	2	10	Only certificated volunteers to be permitted to use power tools, and then only with correct PPE. Their training should have covered safe working distances, other participants to be made aware of this during safety talk. Person overseeing the safety of the group should not use power tools. Copies of	5
Dangers from objects in the field -eg access covers of attenuation tanks – should be locked shut but are occasionally vandalised.	4	2	8	Warn brushcutter operator (and assistant) to be aware.	4
<u>General Hazards</u>					
Slipping tripping, Falling over kerbs, branches, mud	1	3	3	Safety talk before/on arrival, advice on correct footwear.	2
Effects of hot or cold weather, dehydration, sunburn, chills from being wet. cold.	2	2	4	Volunteers and contractors to be warned in advance to bring suitable equipment and protection	2

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Allergies to plants: grass pollen, dust	2	2	4	Find out about hay fever/asthma sufferers in advance.	2
Risks from plants: scratches, eye damage, blackthorn punctures, poisonous berries, fungi, allergenic	2	3	6	Advise on potential problems, preliminary talk on risks. If necessary, advise caution on handling ragwort and umbellifers.	4
Insect bites, Lyme disease from tick bites	4	2	8	Advice to volunteers to inform but not to scare. In periods of higher risk, wear light coloured long trousers tucked into	4
Working (tiredness leading to accidents, strains/sprains due to unaccustomed activity)	3	2	6	Leader to regulate work according to capabilities and watch for signs of tiredness. Advise new workers, regulate workload and watch for signs	3

Severity Rating

5. Death/permanent disability
4. Serious injury/longterm sickness
3. Temporary disability – 3 day absence
2. Required Medical attention
- 1 Minor injury e.g. bruise, graze

Likelihood Rating

- 5 will most certainly happen
- 4 highly likely to happen
- 3 possible
- 2 might happen/less likely
- 1 remote possibility

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