

ACTIVITY	15. Orienteering
HAZARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Collisions/trips with rocks/trees/branches/brambles/nettles/undergrowth etc. ✘ Ambient temperature and wind chill ✘ Short winter afternoons/darkness ✘ Strong winds/falling branches or trees ✘ Sheep and deer ticks ✘ Going out of bounds

CONTROL MEASURES

✘ Terrain	✓ Course appropriate to those taking part
✘ Ditches	✓ Information on dangers provided at briefing
✘ Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shelter available ✓ Waterproofs if necessary ✓ Drinks available ✓ Cancellation threshold established
✘ Missing participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tick of start list ✓ Search plan in place ✓ Area monitored and dangers warned of
✘ Vegetation	
✘ Recall of participants	

This must be read in conjunction with Risk Assessment Number 1

- ➔ Weather forecast including wind strength and direction
- ➔ Appropriate clothing and footwear (long sleeves and long trousers if risk of contact with nettles, brambles or barbed wire etc.)
- ➔ Distinctive sound signal for 'return to base'
- ➔ Participants have whistles, watches and torches as appropriate
- ➔ Return to base times
- ➔ Use of barrier tape/positioning of adults at crucial points
- ➔ Type of course to match venue and group ability
- ➔ Use of buddy(s) groups where appropriate
- ➔ Adequate drinks
- ➔ Students need clear action plan in the event of straying out of bounds

NOTES

- This activity may also require the application of Risk Assessment Number 2 – Unaccompanied Activities/Remote Supervision

ACTIVITY/VENUE	Orienteering Off site Venues
HAZARDS	CONTROL MEASURES
✘ Falls /slips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Staff briefing on difficult terrain ➔ Staff supervision in areas of concern
✘ Getting lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Staff briefing on procedure if lost ➔ Provide whistles if appropriate
✘ Cold/hot injuries	➔ Staff briefing regarding correct clothing for the current conditions

✘ Proximity to water	➔ Staff monitoring of students ➔ Careful selection of area
✘ Travel along roads	➔ Staff briefing and supervision ➔ Observance of highway code
✘ Other users of 'O' area	➔ Staff briefing and supervision ➔ Students operating in minimum of 2 when operating off site

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