

## Scouts Parade - Risk assessment example

Name of activity, event, and location	East Herts District – ICF World Slalom championships opening ceremony	Date of risk assessment	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Andy Barnard (working with others)
		Date of next review	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>Uneven terrain</b> – leading to increased risk of other hazards. Additional consequences of being lost and exhausted.	All those taking part	Make sure routes are suitable for all participants – consider any reasonable adjustments for those with additional needs and the physical capabilities of all, particularly those in younger sections. Consider transitions between surfaces and trip hazards. Have good stewarding to keep people on the correct course and remind them of any particular physical hazards. Ensure organisers provide clear instructions regarding the route and designate a parade leader for East Herts contingent.	
<b>Unauthorised use of route</b> – ensure access for parade is allowed		Responsibility for parade is with the ICF organisers for parade, contact with East Herts was through police liaison. Practice before actual parade which will allow confirmation of permission, and actual route can be assessed by leader team.	
<b>Meeting up / Setting up to start</b> Ensure there is a safe place to meet up for pre parade, rehearsal, and actual parade. Ensure those starting parade finish parade		All members meeting at scout headquarters with access gates away from any traffic. Organisers to supply stewards and local police to support parade. Ensure all East Herts members can hear any briefing or clarify for them after briefing. All participants are informed of the meeting point, starting time and what the parade entails. Check everyone is present and be clear on headcount for regular checks throughout the event.	
<b>Roads and traffic</b> – injuries from collisions between vehicles and people.	Young people, leaders	Police attendance for 'road closure' with the assistance of Stewards to stop the traffic on the roads that the parade is moving on? Most of parade route is on pedestrian roads closed to traffic. Stewards briefing carried out by organisers and risk assessment provided, East Herts leader to keep in close contact during event. Brief young people on safety around roads and expected behaviour. If needed adults directly supervise any crossing (one on each side of the	

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		crossing point). Use designated crossing points, if possible, supported by leaders. Leaders to manage East Herts participants direct with no requirement to complete any other support activities.	
<b>Weather</b> – rain before and during the hike, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.	Young people, leaders	Monitor weather forecast in advance. If extreme heavy rain forecast, then organisers have detail they have alternate arrangements in place. Advise participants on suitable clothing to wear and carry (including sun protection and waterproofs). Review route before and during the hike considering weather conditions, for example, if it's too hot or wet to continue. Make sure routes have escape routes or alternatives.	
<b>Parade disperses</b> – Dismissal from Scout Hut	Young people, leaders	Members of Parade and supporters advised to take care as the area around the finish point at the hut will have traffic movement. All YP will stay with District leaders until they are handed back to parents in a controlled manner, or the parents have given permission for the older children to go home by themselves. Stewards in place to help monitor.	
<b>Emergencies</b>	Young people, leaders	All Group Scout Leaders/Leaders should have an emergency contact for each young person attending the parade. Organisers have arranged 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid cover for the event. Follow the <a href="#">Purple Card</a> guidance if an incident occurs.	