



THE NATIONAL TRUST

MODEL/SITE RISK ASSESSMENT

WORK ACTIVITY:		Led Orienteering Sessions with School Groups		
Property:	<i>Killerton</i>	Location/Dept.:	<i>Parklands/Education</i>	Date:
		<i>24 June 2003</i>		
Explanatory note:		This risk assessment applies to all orienteering sessions led by Killerton staff & volunteers		
Other relevant model risk assessments:				
Other relevant regional, property or site risk assessments:		See also Managing School Visits Assessment. (H&S file in Eileen's office or File:Eileen/Health& Safety/Risk Assessment-Managing School Visits)		
Physical hazards arising:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slips & Trips 2. Electric Fence 3. Insect Bites & Stings 4. Weather 5. Getting Lost 6. Dog Excrement 7. Ticks 		
Additional local physical hazards:				
Health hazards arising:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broken Limbs, Bruising, Cuts & Stratches 2. Minor Electric Shock 3. Anaphylactic Shock, pain 4. Sunstroke, hypothermia 5. Severe distress, in extreme cases death 6. Blindness 7. Lymes Disease 		
Additional local health hazards:				
Groups at risk in general:				
Persons or groups at risk locally:		Schoolchildren and other participants of led orienteering courses.		

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Principal organisational precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Session Leaders must know the route, identify and where possible remove hazards. 2. Session leaders will alert the group to the presence of an electric fence. 3. The Education Officer will advise teachers through paperwork to schools that they need to be aware of any allergies among their group and of the need to carry relevant medication. 4. The Education Officer will advise teachers through paperwork to the school that the children need to be dressed appropriately for the activity and have sunscreen if necessary. 5. On course A, Session leaders will either place adults around the course so that every post is visible to an adult, or he/she will send an adult around the course with each group. On Course B, C & D an adult will be sent with each group. A clear home base will be visibly identified with each group before they set off. This is the point they return to for any emergency. Participants will be sent off in groups of no smaller than 4 and will be advised to stay together. A number check will be carried out on their return. 6. The session leader will be vigilant to the presence of dog excrement and ensure that children who have come into contact with it wash thoroughly. 7. Session Leaders will inform group of the dangers of Lyme disease and advise groups to check themselves after the event and to seek attention from a doctor if necessary. 		<i>Check</i>
Further local organisational precautions:	Session Leaders will carry a Walkie-Talkie and a First Aid Kit. Where possible all session Leaders will hold a current first Aid Certificate. All Killerton Staff & Volunteers who run courses B, C & D must have a current Orienteering Instructors certificate.		<i>Check</i>
Principal physical precautions:			<i>Check</i>
Further local physical precautions:			<i>Check</i>
Specific legal requirements:			
Further guidance:	All session Leaders will have read and understood the above guidelines.		
Model date:		NT Reference:	
Site assessment compiled by: Signed:	<i>Eileen Dillon</i>	Job title: Date:	<i>Education Officer 24 June 2003</i>