



Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre

General Risk Assessment for Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre V3 (Updated 11th March 2026) - This risk assessment covers the general risks that could be experienced when visiting and using Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre and how those risks are being controlled by the Overstone Management Team. This risk assessments also identifies further controls that groups using the site should consider or implement.

It has been put together following guidance from TSA, which can be viewed using the following link. [Managing a safe Scout premises | Scouts](#). This risk assessment also identifies further controls that all users of the site should consider or implement.

All users of Overstone Scout Campsite and Activity Centre should use this risk assessment as a reference but must produce their own, based on, but not limited to, the individuals and numbers within their group using the site, the buildings, activities as well as any equipment they may use. This should include any equipment supplied directly from Overstone or brought in by the Group.

| Hazard Identified? / Risks from it? | Who is at risk? | How are the risks already controlled? | What further controls will be implemented to reduce the risk further. |
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| <p>Hazard – Illness, Infectious Diseases, including Coronavirus, Covid-19</p> <p>Risk - Transmission of Illness, Infectious Diseases & Coronavirus,</p> | All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre | <p>Follow UK Government Control Measures & TSA Guidance Documentation.</p> <p>Signage on Site.</p> <p>Toilets professionally cleaned on a weekly schedule.</p> <p>Provision of soap and hot water for hand washing.</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential experiences and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk.</p> <p>Users should arrange cleaning rosters during camps and other large events to ensure toilets and other areas are kept clean.</p> <p>Users should consider bringing cleaning products to use as required.</p> |

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| <p>Hazard – Asbestos Risk – Contamination Due to Asbestos Exposure.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Follow TSA Guidelines FS120352 Managing Asbestos Scouts Asbestos Compliance Survey and Report has been completed and a register has been produced identifying where the asbestos is located.</p> | <p>Asbestos register is available via the following link. Asbestos Register Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre Users should report any damage to areas where asbestos has been identified and additional report any concerns they have to feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Uncontrolled Fire on Campsites or in Buildings Risk – Injury, Damage to Buildings and Equipment</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Follow TSA Guidelines FS320007 Fire safety Scouts Fire Safety Compliance Fire Risk Assessment Fire Assembly Points on site</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk. This RA should include identifying a Leader in Charge and a plan to manage evacuation of buildings and / or campsite and arrangements for calling and meeting the emergency services.</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Water Contamination Risk – Transmission of Legionella and other Water Borne Diseases from Mains Water Supply and Stored Water.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Follow TSA Guidelines FS120351 Managing Water Risks of Legionella Scouts Water Testing Compliance for Legionella and other water borne diseases. Signage. Regular running / flushing of all water taps, in buildings and standpipes. Cleaning / disinfecting of taps on a regular basis. Dismantle, clean, and descale shower heads on regular basis.</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk. Run standpipes before use. Ensure appropriate storage and usage of water. Observe signage of taps for correct usage.</p> |

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| <p>Hazard – Falling Trees or Branches</p> <p>Risk – Injury caused by Falling Trees and Branches.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Follow TSA Guidelines FS320008 Tree Safety Guidelines Scouts</p> <p>Tree Safety Compliance, professional tree survey.</p> <p>Damaged, decaying or dead trees felled, or area tapped off.</p> <p>Hanging branches removed or area tapped off.</p> <p>Signage.</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk.</p> <p>Carry out visual inspection of trees and branches in local vicinity if camping or carry out activities.</p> <p>Review weather forecast. (High Winds)</p> <p>Report fallen or damaged branches or trees and any other concerns to feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Gas</p> <p>Risk – Injury or Illness caused by escaping gas or explosion from mains supply or gas cylinders brought into Overstone</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Gas Safety Compliance for mains supply.</p> <p>Annual checks, and certification.</p> <p>Warning Signs</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk,</p> <p>All users should follow the TSA guidelines for the use of gas that can be obtained via the following link Gas Scouts</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Electricity</p> <p>Risk – Injury Caused by Electric Shock.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Electrical Safety Compliance, Certification.</p> <p>Regular checks,</p> <p>Warning Signs</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to manage the hazard and risk.</p> <p>Ensure all portable power supplies and other appliances brought onto Overstone are safe to operate and are used appropriately and correctly.</p> |

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| <p>Hazard – Access to site by unauthorised persons.</p> <p>Risk – Vandalism, theft and safety to property or individual and safeguarding</p> | <p>All Users</p> | <p>1.8m palisade fence encircling whole site with lockable gates.</p> <p>Signage (reference to shutting and locking gates)</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential experiences and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <p>Gates must not be left open & unattended and must be shut when not being used for entry and exit.</p> <p>Gates must be shut and locked at night and when leaving site.</p> <p>Leaders should not assume that someone else will shut and lock the gates.</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Safety of Young People</p> <p>Risk – Injury or Harm</p> | <p>Young People</p> | <p>All members of the Overstone SASU must have up to date DBS, safeguarding and safety training.</p> <p>All persons over 18 years of age must have an appropriate DBS if staying over night and interacting with Young People.</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential experiences and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential experiences and activities should ensure the appropriate safeguarding guidelines are in place.</p> |
| <p>Hazard - Vehicle Movement</p> <p>Risk – Collision between vehicles, infrastructure, and pedestrians.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre other vehicles, and on-site infrastructure</p> | <p>On site 5mph speed limit.</p> <p>Speed Limit Signs</p> <p>Parking Signs.</p> <p>Barriers to prevent vehicles access to areas of campsite and fields.</p> <p>Bulletin on Website Bulletin-6-Vehicle-Use-and-Parking-V1.pdf (overstonescoutcampsite.org.uk)</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <p>Vehicle movement on site should be kept to a minimum. Users should plan to manage car parking before and during the event when using Overstone.</p> <p>Parents dropping off Young People should be informed prior to attending Overstone about car parking arrangements.</p> |

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| <p>Hazard – Weather Risk – Injury and Illness caused by the weather and changes to it.</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>The AST will action closure of the site or parts of and / or activities in the event of severe weather warnings. Signage</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk. Check weather regularly and plan for changes.</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Slips, Trips and Falls Risk – Injury</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>The AST will endeavor to maintain the site to reduce the hazard of slip trips and falls.</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk. Adequate supervision of Young People Use of torches at night.</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Deep and Running Water Risk – Injury or Drowning</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Pond in Bottom Field fenced off. Signage (Out of Bounds) Signage (YP Should be Supervised at All Times)</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities will have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk. Adequate supervision of Young People</p> |
| <p>Hazard – Insect Bites and Scratches from Vegetation Risk – Allergic Reaction and Infection</p> | <p>All Users of Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre</p> | <p>Hazzard awareness bulletin to be produced and distributed. (outstanding)</p> | <p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking Overstone for residential activities and activities will have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk. Adequate supervision of Young People. Appropriate First Aid to be given with required parental permission. Report any large infestations of insects or insect nests to feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</p> |

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