



Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre

Overstone Scout Campsite & Activity Centre – CaveBus (Updated 11th March 2026) – This risk assessment covers the general risks that could be experienced when using the CaveBus 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.

This RA should be read in conjunction with the Overstone Scout Campsite and Activity Centre – General Risk Assessment.

All users of the CaveBus 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 building 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.
<p>Hazard – Trips, Slips and Falls</p> <p>Risk – Injury</p>	All Users	<p>CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Safety Equipment CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Users Guide and Instructions available on website and with safety equipment.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking the CaveBus should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader in Charge to brief users outside of bus, prior to entering. • Leader in Charge to control entry and exit of bus. • Torches to be used inside the bus at all times. • No users to be in the central aisle at any time except in emergency. <p>Users should report any damage and report any concerns they have to feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</p>

<p>Hazard – Bumps, Scratches, Splinters and Scrapes</p> <p>Risk – Injury</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Safety Equipment (Torches and Bump Hats provided)</p> <p>Safety Equipment CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Users Guide and Instructions available on website and with safety equipment.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking the CaveBus should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader in Charge to brief users before use of how to use tunnels. • All users to wear crash hats when on CaveBus • All users should have their arms and legs covered when using the CaveBus. <p>Users should report any damage and report any concerns they have to feedback.overstone@northamptonscouts.org.uk</p>
<p>Hazard – Tunnel System Becomes Blocked</p> <p>Risk – Injury, Panic</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Escape Hatches checked for ease of removal.</p> <p>Safety Equipment (Torches and Bump Hats provided)</p> <p>Safety Equipment CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Users Guide and Instructions available on website and with safety equipment.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking the CaveBus should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader in Charge to brief users before use of how to use tunnels. • Leader to familiarise themselves with escape hatches. • Limit the number of users in the tunnel system at any one time.
<p>Hazard – Environmental</p> <p>Risk – Heat</p>	<p>All Users</p>	<p>CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Users Guide and Instructions available on website and with safety equipment.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking the CaveBus should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front and rear doors of the CaveBus to remain open at all times during use. • Limit the number of users in the tunnel system at any one time. • Limit the number of times an individual is allowed through the tunnelling system.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments should be supplied by Leader.
<p>Hazard – Fire</p> <p>Risk – Injury</p>	All Users	<p>CaveBus is inspected and maintained at regular intervals.</p> <p>Water Fire Extinguisher provided on CaveBus.</p> <p>Users Guide and Instructions available on website and with safety equipment.</p>	<p>All Scout Groups / Sections, Youth Organisations and other Leaders of groups using or booking the CaveBus should have a Risk Assessment in place to the manage hazard and risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No smoking allowed in and around the CaveBus. No fires or naked flames allowed in and around the CaveBus.

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