

## Risk management notes for camping group organisers.

Private Camping is not a managed/supervised activity; it can take place in remote locations, on many varied sites, in extremes of weather, and can sometimes be out of mobile phone coverage areas. This means that an element of risk for all campers is unavoidable.

The PCC seek to reduce risk by providing their risk assessments as a guide, and expect the camping group organiser to assess their own risks and produce additional risk assessment material relevant to their particular group.

The PCC will not be held responsible for any injury that results from the lack of additional risk assessment material.

The most important aspect of risk management for the camping group organiser is to ensure that all members of the group are made aware of the information provided to the organiser and at the on site safety briefing by the PCC regarding – Potential hazards, site boundaries, safe equipment use, health issues, emergency communications and general site rules.

### Risk Assessments for the use of a temporary Private Camping site and equipment by a private organised camping group.

Hazard	Who is affected	Control Measures
Injury from burns on open campfire or wood stove.	Members of the private camping group	Hazard identified in communications with the organiser and in the on site group safety briefing. Organiser is advised to bring suitable first aid kit.
Injuries related to extremes of weather – strong winds, rain, cold, heat.	Members of the private camping group	Hazard identified in communications with the organiser. Weather closely monitored, most suitable available site location is chosen according to the earliest reliable weather forecast. Organiser is advised to make sure the group has appropriate equipment and clothing. Organiser is advised to bring suitable first aid kit. Alternative accommodation can be arranged in extreme circumstances.
Injuries related to the camping field and its location. i.e. rough ground, steep drops, water or streams, fences or farm animals and farm buildings/equipment.	Members of the private camping group	Site locations are pre checked and carefully chosen for the least possible hazards. Hazards and site boundaries identified in communications with the organiser and in the on site group safety briefing. Organiser is advised to bring suitable first aid kit.
Injuries related to failure of equipment hired from the PCC by the organiser. i.e. Tent collapse, equipment	Members of the private camping group	PCC equipment is pre checked and tested then checked and tested again onsite. Faulty equipment is replaced immediately.

breakages, leaks and electrical faults.			
Injuries related to the misuse of equipment hired from the PCC by the organiser. i.e. Chopping wood with the log splitter, lighting candles and oil lamps, lighting the wood stove, attempting to move heavy equipment.	Members of the private camping group	Hazard identified in communications with the organiser and in the on site group safety briefing. Full equipment usage instructions given and demonstrated during group safety briefing or with organiser and specific members of the group designated with health & safety responsibility.. Organiser is advised to bring suitable first aid kit.	
Health issues related to hot or cold food supplied by the PCC	Members of the private camping group	The PCC is a registered food business and maintains a food safety management system.	
Health issues related to food preparation on site by members of the private camping group. i.e. cross contamination of food from handling animals or faeces on the field.	Members of the private camping group	Hazard identified in communications with the organiser and in the on site group safety briefing. General good hygiene practice is advised – particularly for young or elderly. Organiser is advised to bring anti-bacterial hand wash.	
Health issues related to drinking water provided by PCC	Members of the private camping group	All water provided by PCC – regardless of the source – is chemically treated to ensure it is safe to drink.	
Issues related to communication with emergency services	Members of the private camping group	This issue is identified in communications with the organiser and in the on site group safety briefing. The PCC conduct regular visits to the site during its use. The PCC advise that the organiser or specific members of the group designated with health & safety responsibility to check that they have good mobile phone connection.	

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