



## RISK ASSESSMENT

This risk assessment has been written by BXM Expeditions for Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions, specifically

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The risk ratings can be of a high/Medium or Low and must have more than one preventative measure for Medium or high risk ratings.

Please note that although a Senior decision can authorise and make changes, it is all leaders and teachers responsibility to report or act on any risks.

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Crossing a road	Individuals in the group	Leaders to ensure that individuals are briefed about roads, and that routes are redirected where appropriate	Medium	During remote supervision, the leader will always use this as an opportunity to use as a check point where appropriate	All staff and participants to ensure they are sensible.
Gas stove burning or catching a tent on fire	Individuals in the group	Full training to be given on gas stoves prior to participants using them. First Aid staff and kits available.	Low	Clarity of understanding checks, supervision during training exercises. A visual assessments during training, Training to be given to participants on burns. Use long reach lighters	The group to behave and act properly and carefully, First Aid kits to be carried. Leaders to do visual and verbal checks
Drowning	Individuals in the group	Individuals will be directly supervised during training time, All routes are checked and participants will be briefed on the dangers of waters, no water should be approached by an individual alone, There are not any river crossings or dangerous river banks on the route, During remote supervision, routes are checked thoroughly prior to all expeditions.	Low	Areas to be checked by BXM and Leaders to be made aware of areas with potential danger. Participants to be instructed on the dangers.	BXM Management and Leaders. Participants to follow instructions in a mature and sensible manner.
Illness or injury	Individuals in the group	Leaders to have copies of the Emergency evacuation procedures. There will be extra staff within 1 hour drive on Saturday, 90 minutes on the final day. Parents of the	Med	Participants to be taught how to know when food is fully cooked. Leaders to be vigilant for any changes in the terrain when walking or general surroundings.	BXM Management to pass procedures to Leaders Leaders to make themselves aware of the procedures.

		individual will be called if someone needs to go home. Areas checked by BXM for hazards Leaders/instructors to directly supervise the training weekends.		Training framework has been followed. BXM Expeditions contacts parents of any students who may have medical issues or if fitness levels have been highlighted as a potential concern by the school in order not to put participants in a position where they could become exhausted. BXM actively stays on the side of caution here.	Leaders to be vigilant throughout Participants to take care. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
Getting lost	All	Leaders to be briefed on a route that has been walked by the BXM team. Leaders are experienced in working in remote areas Leaders to work with in their qualified level of competence. Participants to only be remotely supervised after assessment by BXM staff.	Low	Groups to be directly supervised during the training day or if the instructor deems the group are sufficiently competent then they may move on to remote supervision earlier in the training day. Training framework has been followed. Groups will have instructors phone numbers as well as the BXM on call number,	BXM Management to pass on route details Leaders to use their skills to navigate appropriately.
High winds	All Participants	The route is along a path. Any road walking should be done with care, and there is discretion on the instructors part should they need to directly supervise these areas.	Medium	The paths are good and deemed safe. Participants will not be allowed on top of any ridges if the winds are deemed too severe, Instructors are trained to check with BXM management if they are unsure, BXM always stays on the side of caution in these circumstances.	BXM to check and assess routes. All adults to express any concerns to senior leaders
Hot Sun leading to heat exposure or sun burn, Hyperthermia	All Participants	The weather has been checked, Training framework has been followed.	Low	The groups clothing will be checked and assessed throughout the day to ensure no one is over dressed for the heat. Sun tan lotion will be carried by the leader. The leader will check all students have a sufficient amount of water and the leader will also carry water.	The Leader to check the group and be responsible for ensuring water is available. Spare water tablets will be taken. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
Cold winds, rain or weather leading to Hypothermia	All Participants	The weather will be checked regularly; groups will have appropriate clothing. Training framework has been followed.	High	Sufficient layers to be taken by every group member and spares taken by the leader, also a tent for protection from the elements as the fly sheet can be used as an emergency shelter. A stove will be taken to heat some water to help heat someone up. First Aid kit and phone will be carried.	The Leader to re-assess the weather situation and especially after midday. Leader to carry extra gear, The Leader to check the groups clothing prior to departure. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
A slip or fall on an incline	All Participants	The route goes along paths. Some areas at Gold and Silver level may require direct supervision which instructors will manage.	Medium	A first Aid kit will be carried, participants will stick to paths, training will be given on descents. Training framework has been followed.	The Leader to be vigilant and assess routes constantly.
Injury on Campsite Also Including anxiety attacks, or getting lost in the grounds.	All Participants	The Campsites are checked regularly by BXM staff. BXM are aware of facilities, shelters, space and campsite staffing.  Groups who will be 'wild camping' (Gold only) will be given specific training around wild camping skills.	Low	BXM staff either stay with students, near by or make them aware of how to get to them. This depends on the level and procedures of the expedition. Bronze and Silver will always have staff on the campsite.	BXM Staff and responsible behaviour by students. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
Bites and Stings	All Participants	Participants will be trained how to deal with Bites and Stings, including Tics. Instructors will have spray or cream and medical forms to ensure that this can be applied.	Low	Instructors to be vigilant and speak with participants daily to see if they are aware of any bites.	Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs