

## Pioneering - Risk Assessment

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Hazard	What are the Risks	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it?	Review & revise
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.	The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p style="text-align: center;">How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to participants?</p>	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.
Terrain	Slips, trips and falls	All	Check for natural hazards in the build area. Make sure everyone's wearing suitable footwear. Assess the weather risk before and during the session. Consider moving this activity to another area if needed.	
Equipment	Strains	All	Plan the structure before you start building. Follow the plan. Check that the project you're planning and the type of equipment you'll use are appropriate for the age of the young people.	
Construction and dismantling	Fingers, feet, or other body parts trapped between or under poles.	All	Make sure the activity lead is competent. Make PPE available if the activity leader thinks it's necessary. Give all participants appropriate training. Give everyone participating in the activity a safety briefing. Supervise young people at all times.	
Pioneering equipment, using tools, natural materials, ropes	Personal injuries, rope burns, cuts, bruises, abrasions, puncture wounds, eye damage.	All	Consider participants' personal circumstances and any reasonable adjustments you may need to make. Assess and advise young people carrying, lifting and storing pioneering equipment. Make sure that young people know how to carry, lift, and store pioneering equipment? Teach young people to carry, lift, and store pioneering equipment?	
Lifting heavy items	Back or other muscular injuries.	All	Check equipment before use. Report any damaged or faulty equipment and do not use. Make PPE available if the activity leader thinks it's necessary. Using thick gloves while handling poles is good practice.	

Structures collapsing, Impact with pioneering equipment	rush injuries, lacerations, and fractures.	All	Closely supervise structures while they're being constructed and dismantled. Check how the weather affects structures, for example, wet ropes causing stretching or tightening. Supervise young people and check they're using the correct knots and lashings. Limit the load you put on the structure. Undo the main supports last when you're dismantling a structure.	
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