**PART A: What are you risk assessing?**

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| Date of assessment: 19/03/2025 | Date for revision: 18/03/2026 | Other related assessments – give filename/s (eg. site or task): SRA 2400 |
| Activity / Task: Spurn Superheroes | Date of task: Various | RA Reference Number: TRA 2809 (See **Task** Risk Assessments tab of Risk Assessment Log) |
| Other factors noted prior to activity but after risk assessment eg. Weather (complete on the day):  Weather – Severity considered on the day or possibly previous day with forecasting. | | |

**PART B:**

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| First aid cover required  (see code of practice 1) | Emergency First Aid at Work  Name of first aider/s: YWT staff member / trainee / volunteer  First aid kit requirements (consider group size and type of task. Any additional non-standard items?):  (must be accompanied by Accident book and Incident Forms)  First Aid kit carried on person. |

**PART C: Assessing the Risks**

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| Considering the hazards of your activity please assess each below. | | | | |
| **Hazards/hazardous events** | **Who is affected and how many people?**  (staff, contractor, volunteer, public, vulnerable group/s) | **Typical outcome**  eg. minor injury, serious injury, death | **How will the risk be controlled?**  Completed by whom and when?  How will the control measure be communicated?  (see Code of Practice 8 for advice on PPE) | **Remaining Risk Level**  Likelihood / Severity matrix  eg. likely x harmful = moderate |
| **Drowning;**  E.g. potential to drown if people are swept out to sea in rough weather or venture into deep water | All | Serious injury | Health and Safety Talk prior to activity advising people to avoid going near the waters edge.  Event occurs at low tide.  Mobile phones and radios will be present within the group in case of call out required. | Moderate |
| **Tides**  e.g. getting cut of by the turning tide, being caught out by the incoming tide | All | Serious injury | Tide times will be sought in advance. Activity will be run from at least 1hr before low tide. Group will be made aware of tide times before activity starts and group will be made aware when tide turns. Group will be in visual contact at all times | Moderate |
| **Areas of unstable ground**  e.g. areas of lower stability, for example contain unstable surfaces, intertidal mud, slippery rocks or large, loose pebbles | All | Minor injury | Health and Safety talk will advise people what areas to avoid during the event.  Everyone will be within visual distance during the event.  Appropriate footwear advised for participants to mitigate trips. | Slight |
| **Slips / Trips / Falls**  e.g. Slipping on or tripping over rocks | All | Minor injury | Everyone will be advised of danger and areas to avoid before event starts. | Slight |
| **Exposure**  e.g. from spending considerable time outside in cold, wet, windy or hot / sunny weather | All | Minor injury | Everyone has been advised to bring suitable clothing for the event, including hats and sun cream.  The event will only last a short time and will be cancelled if weather conditions are too severe. | Slight |
| **Cuts / bruises**  e.g. when lifting rocks | All | Minor injury | Everyone will be advised to only lift rocks they are comfortable with and to take care when placing them back down. Also to take care if barnacles present. | Slight |
| **Loose cliffs**  e.g. rocks falling to beach below | All | Serious injury | Event will be carried out away from base of cliff. Health and safety talk will advise people to stay away from base of cliff. | Slight |
| **Fog / sea fret**  e.g. reduced visibility, getting lost / disorientated | All | Serious injury | If fog an issue before event it will be cancelled.  If fog occurs during an event then measures will be taken to ensure group is together.  Hi-vis jackets will be carried as part of the H&S kit and deployed to leaders if felt necessary (in particular when with the public). | Moderate |
| **Loose Sand**  e.g. loose sand could be blown into people’s eyes, resulting in irritation. | All | Minor injury | The majority of the event will be conducted with the wind behind volunteers; ensuring sand is not blown directly at their faces. First aid facilities will be available on site, including eye wash. | Slight |
| **Stings / Bites**  e.g. stings from jellyfish and bites from ticks | All | Minor injury | * Everyone will be advised which animals not to touch during the event. * Teachers will have information sent to them about ticks before the session that they can distribute to parents. This will advise long socks and trousers. * Brown tail moths will be shown before entering the site so theya re aware not to touch. | Slight |
| **Bacterial infection**  e.g. from handling marine life | All | Minor injury | Hand sanitiser will be provided for after event and group advised to wash hands. | Slight |
| **Separation from the group** | All | Minor injury | Group will be in visual contact at all times. Pre session introduction to include information about staying together as a group and being aware of who is in your group including the teachers and adults in the group (in case of school and cimmunity groups).  Regular head counts to be taken by the group leaders.  If possible, back mark the group when moving from one location to another using volunteers or the adult group leaders. | Slight |
| **Conflict within group, and between group and other site users** | All | Serious injury | Leader to monitor any potential conflict building through the event. Try to diffuse any aggressive behaviour. Seek help if behaviour becomes extreme and take rest of the group to a safe area. | Slight |
| **Child and vulnerable adult protection issues** | Children and vulnerable adults | Serious injury | All children and vulnerable adults are to be accompanied by an adult carer. The adult should take responsibility for the child’s general safety throughout the task and accompany the child if they leave the group (ie to go to the toilet, to get a drink of water). Leader to be aware of any suspicious activity. | Slight |
| **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults** | Children and vulnerable adults | Abuse | All staff and volunteers are trained in safeguarding measures as per YWT policy and are aware of how to record and report incidents**.**  Participants must be accompanied by a responsible adult/carer throughout the session. | Slight |
| **Coronavirus infection** | All | Moderate injury | You must not attend an event if you have coronavirus or have Covid-19 symptoms.  Maintain a minimum 2 metre distance with anyone not in the same household.  Carry hand sanitiser and wash hands on returning home. | Moderate |
| **Use of equipment** | All | Injury | * Pre activity warning. * Demonstrate safe use of nets while pond dipping. Check for other persons around when moving with the net. * Place the net flat on the ground when not in use. * Demonstrate correct technique to sweep net * Keep safe distance other people to avoid hitting them with the net. * Take net or pooters off anyone who is persistently using it inappropriately | Trivial |
| **Dead bodies;** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | In the unlikely event a human body is discovered the group will be moved away from the area. The police will be alerted and the group supervisor will liaise with them as needed. Appropriate follow up support will be sought for those affected. | Slight |
| **Dead Animals;**  e.g. risk of infection, disease | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Dead birds, marine animals may be present on site. All will be advised not to approach any carcasses and not to touch it. Unless deemed necessary (e.g. very large, potential to cause problems to visitors) it will be left in situ. | Slight |
| **Live Animals;**  e.g. live stranded cetaceans and resting seals. | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious Injury | If a live animal is located then the group will be kept at a distance. The appropriate organisations (e.g. BDMLR) will be contacted if needed. If person bitten by seal medical support will be sought immediately as per the YWT Seal Protocol. | Moderate |
| **Members of the public** | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | The beach is public so group will be made aware of this. Leaders of events will remain vigilant at all times of suspicious, unusual or threatening behavior from members of the public. Mobile phones will be used to call the police if necessary. | Slight |
| **Lifting heavy objects**;  e.g. sprained backs, dropping objects on toes | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | Demonstrate how to lift objects correctly i.e. bend your knees not your back.  Advise not to lift heavy objects. | Moderate |
| **Military ordinance;**  e.g. bullet rounds and bombs | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | Group to be advised to not touch any ordinance found and to move away from any that is found. The appropriate action will be taken if some is found – call the Coastguard on 999 who will secure the area and get the MOD involved. | Moderate |
| **Coming into contact with dog faeces;**  Can potentially lead to Toxocariasis. | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Leave all dog faeces alone. Advise people to wash their hands after the event. | Slight |
| **Coming into contact with sharp materials;**  e.g. finding and handling needles or broken glass. | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | Give Health & Safety talk to warn of sharp objects when looking through the strandline. Groups advised not to place their hands in areas that they cannot see. Children – told not to touch or collect anything sharp under any circumstances. | Moderate |
| **Hazardous Substances;**  e.g. drums/tins washed up displaying hazardous symbols | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Serious injury | These will be left alone and their position noted. Event supervising staff will dispose of these safely after the event or via the local council. | Moderate |
| **Sanitary waste;**  e.g. risk of infection, disease | YWT staff & volunteers, members of the public, education groups | Minor injury | Give Health & Safety talk to warn of sanitary waste when looking through the strandline. Any items of litter should be handled using a litter picker and/or protective gloves. All litter collected will be placed in bin bags and disposed of safely. Advise to wash hands after event. | Slight |
| **Water borne diseases** | YWT staff, volunteers and education groups | Serious injury - illness | * Pre activity warning. Explain to the group that if they get water on their person, don’t put hand in mouths or eat anything with hands until they have washed their hands with warm soapy water. * Provide hand gel for after pond dipping. * - symptoms include: a high temperature (fever) that is usually between 38C and 40C (100.4-104-F) * chills * sudden headaches * nausea and vomiting * loss of appetite * muscle pain, particularly affecting the muscles in the calves and lower back * [conjunctivitis](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Conjunctivitis-infective/Pages/Introduction.aspx) (irritation and redness of the eyes) * [cough](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Cough/Pages/Introduction.aspx)   a short-lived rash | Slight |
| **Litter and debris (glass, metal, needles etc)** | YWT staff, volunteers and education groups | Injury and disease | Wear gloves. Cover open cuts before working. Kneel with caution. Exercise good hygiene especially before eating/drinking/ smoking. Seek medical advice if unwell esp after cuts etc. Lift as a team if item heavy. Assess if safe to handle before doing so. | Slight |
| **Hazardous Plants**  (e.g. nettles) | YWT staff, volunteers and education groups | Irritation and allergic reaction | Pre event warning. Advise that participants should not pick or handle plants from the reserve as it is not best practice to do so. Also, they might not know the dangers of certain plants. | Slight |
| **Road Traffic** | YWT staff, volunteers and participants | Severe Injury | There will be a safety briefing before the session and participants will be made aware of the road and to walk in a single file line. | Moderate |
| **Extreme weather conditions** (hot sunny weather, or storms) | YWT staff, volunteers and participants | Injury and/or illness | Point out shady areas to take shelter when outdoors. Assess young people in cold weather and warm with a hot drink, extra layers and if necessary get them indoors. Send children home if they fall in to water and it is a cold day – phone parents to ensure they can get in the house. | Slight |
| **Soil borne diseases and contaminants** | YWT staff, volunteers and participants | Illness | * Advise everyone to use wipes and gel at regular intervals. * Offer a plaster to cover any open wounds on hands for participants and staff | Slight |