

Holsome Park Risk Assessment

**Risk Assessment Template for Holsome Park Campsite**

Holsome Park Campsite is a public campsite with toilet and shower facilities, that is often used by members of the public and by groups as a base for adventure activities/ holidays. The campsite is accessed via Diptford village B roads. This site is situated within the South Hams in close proximity to Dartmoor and the beaches of South Devon.

We provide the template below only as a guide, and expect that each group will assess their own risks.

<b>Hazards:</b>	<b>Control measures required</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</b>
<b>General</b>		
<b>Injury from traffic accident</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of other road users and public crossing the road at site entrance.</li> </ul>	The campers have to access the toilet block by crossing at the entrance to the campsite.
<b>Infection from contact with wild animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careful hygiene is required to ensure that hands and all cooking and eating utensils are clean, and that unnoticed contact with wild animal excrement does not lead to infection.</li> <li>• Use toilet and dishwashing facilities available at the campsite</li> <li>• Drink only water labeled as suited for drinking</li> </ul>	Rabbits, goats, stoats, badgers are all known to frequent the area, and Gwynedd Council advises that infection can result where campers are not careful with hygiene. Farm animals including sheep, cattle and dogs do occasionally range over the campsite and can also be sources of infection
<b>Burning from fire, especially from campfires or camp cooking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the advertised distances required between tents (6m between groups, 3m between tents within one group)</li> <li>• Use campfires with care, ensuring they do not get close to inflammable material and are not too large</li> <li>• Do not attempt a campfire during extremely windy conditions</li> <li>• Site camp cooking facilities carefully, ensuring they are steady and are away from inflammable material</li> <li>• Note the site of fire points near your camp</li> </ul>	Campfires are allowed on site providing they are only made from wood bought on site and are used on one of our steel fireboxes. This is a great attraction of the site, but all campers must be aware of the dangers inherent in having fires outdoors, near their tents and other camping accommodation and equipment.
<b>General Hazards contd:</b>	Control measures required	Explanatory Notes on Hazard

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<b>Injury resulting from wind</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check weather forecasts daily during stay</li> <li>• When extreme weather is forecast take care that tents pegs are firmly in place and that all flaps/zips are fully done up.</li> <li>• Site your car strategically to block the wind. Take down any gazebos and awnings.</li> </ul>	In windy weather parts of the campsite can suffer from gale force wind
<b>Falling injuries in dark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all group members have personal lights for use at night</li> </ul>	There is minimal lighting on the campsite, and only near the toilet block. Rough ground is therefore a hazard at night.
<b>Cuts from equipment, machinery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief on avoiding touching machinery, including farm and roading machinery, firepits.</li> <li>• Check fields for hazards prior to setting up.</li> </ul>	Occasionally farm equipment and maintenance machinery may be on the campsite including tractors, JCB, dumper and mowers. On no account should children be allowed to play on such machinery
<b>Cuts from barbed wire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief on avoidance</li> <li>• Check tree plantations near setting up area</li> </ul>	Most barbed wire has been collected and replaced with plain wire but some may still be present in certain areas.
<b>On site activities</b>		
<b>Hazards:</b>	<b>Control measures required</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</b>
<b>Injury from play area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play equipment must only be used with supervision from an adult.</li> <li>• Clear briefing to all children by their parents/guardians that unsupervised activities are not allowed.</li> <li>• First aid</li> </ul>	There is a small play area for use by our campers.

<b>Emergency Procedures</b>		
<b>First aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A first aid kit is kept at the farmhouse at</li> </ul>	The farm house is not always open, i.e. it

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<b>Emergency Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The campsite management</b> can be contacted via phone on 01548 821089. If they are not at the campsite</li> <li>• <b>Important numbers</b> are as follows:  <b>Doctor:</b> S. Brent Surgery (<i>approx 5 miles from the campsite</i>)                      Phone: 01364 72394   <b>Hospital (24 hour A&amp;E service)</b>                      Derriford Hospital (<i>approx 19 miles, or 30 minutes by car</i>)                      Derriford Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, Devon,                      PL6 8DH                      Phone: 01752 202082</li> </ul>	

Please note that this risk assessment template is an aid only, and is certainly not provided as a full risk assessment for the Holsome Park Campsite. You must identify other risks which are associated with your own planned activities and the age groups for example that you cater for. Holsome Park Campsite management will not be held responsible for any injury that results from the lack of additional risk assessment material.