

Area: Discover - Caving

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Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Is the Risk Adequately Controlled, or is More Needed	Review and Revision
Inadequate supervision or lack of competence	Young people & adults	The activity is run by designated event volunteers only.	
		Volunteers receive a pre-event briefing and training specific to the Cavebus system.	
		Training includes cave layout, emergency exits, helmet fitting, panic response, evacuation and entrapment procedures.	NEED TO CHECK THIS IS TRUE
		Volunteers do not operate the activity unless they have received this briefing.	
Slips, trips, bumps and minor falls inside the Cavebus	Young people	A lead volunteer is identified for each session and is responsible for safe operation.	
		All young people wear helmets when inside the Cavebus, including entry and exit.	
		Helmets are fitted and checked by trained volunteers.	NEED TO TRAIN KEY VOLUNTEERS
		Young people are briefed on safe movement before entering.	
Head injuries	Young people	Group sizes are kept small and age appropriate.	
		A support volunteer manages waiting groups to prevent crowding.	
		Helmet use is mandatory for all participants.	
		Volunteers visually check helmet fit before entry.	
Panic, claustrophobia or distress	Young people	Young people are instructed not to remove helmets until directed.	
		Young people are told they can stop at any time and ask for help.	
		Volunteers are trained to recognise signs of distress.	NEED TO TRAIN KEY VOLUNTEERS
		The activity is stopped immediately if a young person becomes distressed.	
Entrapment or evacuation within the Cavebus	Young people	Emergency exits are used to allow calm and supported exits.	
		No young person is pressured to take part or continue.	
		Volunteers are trained in emergency exit and evacuation procedures.	
		Volunteers instruct young people to stay in place and call for help if stuck.	
Jewellery, loose clothing or inappropriate items	Young people	Only trained volunteers assist with any evacuation or entrapment situation.	
		Other participants are calmly exited and supervised away from the Cavebus if required.	
		Young people are instructed to remove jewellery before entry where possible.	
		No phones, food, drinks, sharp objects or loose items are taken into the Cavebus.	
Heat, ventilation and comfort	Young people	Group volunteers support checks before entry.	
		Personal belongings remain the responsibility of group volunteers.	
		Volunteers monitor participant comfort throughout sessions.	
		Sessions are short with regular rotation.	
Vehicle safety and positioning	Young people & adults	Activity is stopped if conditions become uncomfortable or unsafe.	
		Young people are advised to dress appropriately and remain hydrated during the wider event.	
		The Cavebus remains stationary during use.	
		Young people are kept clear of the vehicle exterior except during supervised entry and exit.	
Cleaning and hygiene	Young people & adults	A clear exclusion zone around the Cavebus is maintained by volunteers and roped off using barrier tape	
		Helmets and high-touch surfaces are cleaned regularly during the day.	
		No food or drink is taken into the Cavebus.	
		Hand hygiene facilities are available elsewhere on site.	
Slips, trips and falls on grass or uneven ground	Young people, volunteers	Activity area selected to avoid obvious hazards.	
		Volunteers to visually check ground conditions before use.	
		Young people briefed to walk, not run.	
		Suitable footwear advised in event information.	
Manual handling of equipment during setup and pack-down	Volunteers	First Response trained volunteers on site with central First Aid provision.	
		Lifting shared between adults.	
		Heavy items identified in advance.	
		Manual handling kept to a minimum	
		Young people not involved in lifting heavy items.	