

Activity Description & Location  
Night Walk

USE RATING: C



Use: A Must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff  
B In house training at Baptist Camping Victoria required before using this equipment  
C Safe operating procedures must be read and adhered to by all users of this equipment  
D Does not apply

| Risk                                 | Risk Factor  | Likelihood | Consequences | Initial Level of Risk | Description of risk  | Risk management strategy   | Revised Level of Risk |
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| Falling over                         | Participants falling over in the dark due to decreased light           | Possible   | Minor        | LOW                   | 1. Due to low lighting walk at night participants may fall over things.<br>2. Mud, low branches, and any other tripping hazards may present on walk.   | 1.Ensure participants have light source with them such as a torch<br>2.Keep to well-lit areas whilst walking where possible<br>3.Leader should check proposed walk prior to conducting it to ensure no hazards are present and provide proper supervision<br>4.Leader should have adequately stocked first aid equipment prior to walk   | LOW                   |
| Participants running into each other | Participants may collide with one another if running in the dark       | Possible   | Minor        | LOW                   | 1.If running or walking fast, participants may run into each other   | 1.Reduction by instruction, ensure participants are not running by maintaining appropriate speed during night walk<br>2.Provide 1:10 ratio when walking to ensure participants are appropriately supervised  | LOW                   |
| Exposure to elements                 | Exposure to heat, rain, cold, storms                                   | Possible   | Moderate     | MEDIUM                | 1.Participants may suffer heatstroke or sunstroke in extreme heat, especially children or elderly<br>2.Risk of electrocution in storms<br>3.Risk of hypothermia in cold conditions<br>4.Risk of slipping in wet conditions | 1.Wear sun protection in hot weather<br>2.Do not run activity in temperatures above 34°C<br>3.Do not conduct activity in storms to minimise risk of electrocution<br>4.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions<br>5.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions   | LOW                   |
| Traffic                              | Crossing roads in town participants may come into contact with traffic | Unlikely   | Critical     | MEDIUM                | 1.Participants may come into contact with both moving and stationary cars or bikes whilst walking offsite  | 1.Activity leader should ensure participants are aware of road hazards prior to leaving campsite<br>2.Appropriate supervision by leaders should be maintained at all times<br>3.Where possible, plan the walk to be on footpaths or on nature strip to limit walking on the road<br>4.Leaders should have Hi-Vis on to ensure traffic can see the group                                  | LOW                   |
| Participants getting lost            | Participants may get lost if separated from the group                  | Unlikely   | Major        | MEDIUM                | 1.Participants may become lost if separated from the group whilst offsite  | 1.Ensure 1:10 ratio at all times when walking<br>2.Activity leader must be able to contact the back of the group at all times through phone or radio<br>3.When crossing major intersections care should be taken to ensure group is not too spaced out<br>4.A count of all participants should be conducted prior to conducting the night walk, during the walk, and upon return to camp | LOW                   |