

Carrying out a safety check

The following images demonstrate various hazards that could crop up in a meeting place or on a trip. On each page, you'll find a copy of the image with numbers on it. Each number relates to a risk listed below the image.

Please download the non-annotated copies of the images from the Girlguiding [website](#).

Mentors/commissioners, please use these images as a talking point with new or returning leaders - particularly with leaders in training who are completing Module 3, Part 2 of their Leadership qualification whilst unable to hold in-person meetings. You can sign off Module 3, part 2, B if you're confident that a leader in training is able to fully consider the risks in each setting, but we'd encourage you to visit her when she returns to in-person meetings and provide appropriate support where necessary.

For further support, volunteers can access Girlguiding risk assessment webinars via the ['Learning opportunities' page on GO](#).

Image 1 - A Rainbow meeting



- 1 Rainbow running upstairs - They could fall down the stairs, get lost or run off
- 2 Blocked fire exit - If there were a fire people would not be able to escape quickly
- 3 Litter on the floor/spilled liquid - This is a trip hazard and could injure someone
- 4 Bunched up carpet - This is a trip hazard
- 5 The stack of chairs - These could fall and cause injuries
- 6 Unsupervised activity - This could end with a Rainbow getting hurt and/or causing damage to equipment and the venue
- 7 Leader-to-girls ratio and leader attention - 12 girls and only 2 adults is not our recommended ratio. And the leaders aren't watching the Rainbows
- 8 Unsupervised drink - This could be knocked over or tampered with
- 9 Trailing wires - These are creating a trip hazard and the multi-plugs are a fire hazard
- 10 First aid kit - This is in a hard-to-reach spot and has the potential to cause more accidents when trying to access it in an emergency
- 11 Unsuitable place to sit - The table could break, causing injury and equipment damage
- 12 Accessible knives - These are dangerous and are easily reachable in this location
- 13 Rainbow in the kitchen unsupervised - There are several potential hazards in here!
- 14 Fire extinguisher - This is the wrong use of a fire extinguisher and could cause an accident. And it's not in the correct place if needed in an emergency
- 15 Unsupervised Rainbow wandering off - They could get lost or hurt

Image 2 - Brownies on a camping trip



- 1 **Camp layout** - There's a lot of overcrowding with equipment very close to tents causing trip hazards
- 2 **Overheating/heat stroke** - It's a hot day and the Brownies seem to have run out of water
- 3 **Inappropriate footwear** - The Brownies are barefooted which could lead to injury
- 4 **Tent Guylines** - These are potential trip hazards
- 5 **Location** - This might be a public space which anyone could access
- 6 **Ratios and leader attention** - The leader-to-girls ratio isn't right, there should be at least one more adult leader. The leader present isn't aware of what all the Brownies are doing
- 7 **Dangerous equipment** - This is left unattended and in an unsafe manner which could cause injury
- 8 **Camp hygiene** - There doesn't seem to be any onsite cleaning materials to encourage good hygiene (cleaning hands)
- 9 **Fire** - This is too close to the tents and the equipment. There's no safety bucket of water nearby and it's unattended
- 10 **Equipment** - Belongings and equipment have been left out which could get damaged if not stored in a tent
- 11 **Food hygiene** - Food that's normally refrigerated has been left out in the heat
- 12 **Lake** - This open water has no safety equipment nearby and is unsupervised
- 13 **Unsupervised activity (horse)** - This could potentially lead to an incident (for the animal or the Brownies) and the leader is not watching
- 14 **Games close to tents** - Games should not be played near the tents or near other unsuitable equipment (such as the axe)

Image 3 - A Guide meeting in the park



- 1 Lack of bathroom facilities - There doesn't seem to be easy access to facilities
- 2 Awareness of animals - There's a dog near these Guides and the leader isn't watching
- 3 Broken glass - This is a potential danger
- 4 Water fountain - Someone could fall in the fountain
- 5 Hidden locations - The Guides could easily be out of view of the leader and get hurt or wander off
- 6 Cyclist/public disruptions - This could lead to a collision and injure the Guides or rider
- 7 Members of the public taking photographs - This group of teenagers could be taking photographs of the Guides
- 8 Broken bench - A Guide could be harmed if she sits on or trips over this bench
- 9 Lack of leader attention - The leader doesn't seem to be watching what the Guides are doing
- 10 Unsuitable footwear - These Guides are in unsuitable footwear which could lead to an injury
- 11 Talking to strangers - The Guides are talking to a stranger which is a potential danger
- 12 Dangerous busy road near by - This could lead to an accident with someone getting hurt
- 13 Litter - This could cause harm such as cuts or infection
- 14 Members of the public smoking - This is a passive smoking hazard for the Guides nearby

