

Risk Management

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Introduction

This document outlines policies and procedures for managing the risks associated with outdoor and adventurous activities and residential experiences. The purpose of this document is to ensure that those responsible for approving school/group activities are aware that robust risk management is continuously conducted at Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre for all activities we carry out. We do not share specific risk assessments, as they are not designed to be read in isolation and are written for outdoor professionals.

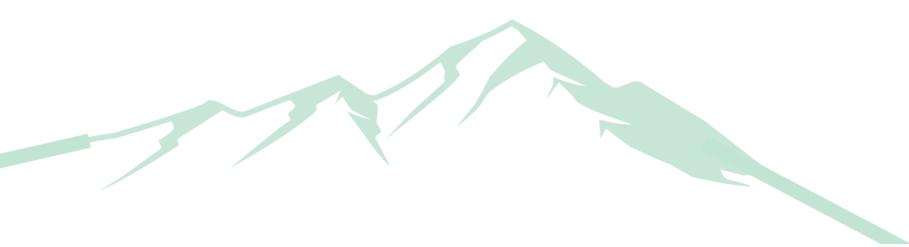
Adventurous Activities

All activities undergo a full risk assessment before they are carried out and are underpinned by a Benefit-Risk approach to education at Bryntysilio. Changes to these are made annually following a review of recorded near-misses and incidents, with modifications proposed by the Head of the Centre and agreed upon by the Bryntysilio Trustees.

All activities are reviewed each morning, and instructors present their peer-review plans to the rest of the teaching team. Our activity guidelines and sector best practices inform such plans. End-of-day meeting: record any near misses or incidents and begin planning for the next day.

All instructors have a statement of competence based on holding national governing body awards, in-house sign-off by an appropriate person, and regular practice observations. They also hold a valid first-aid certificate, appropriate safeguarding training, and a DBS certificate.

All equipment is inspected before and after each session, and a strict quarantine procedure is followed for any equipment deemed unsuitable at that time. All equipment is fit for purpose and regularly inspected with written records. We hold an in-date AALA licence.



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Safeguarding

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre has a Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy and Procedure document in place. This policy is consistent with current practice, is reviewed periodically, and is signed off by the Trustees annually. It is available for inspection at Bryntysilio. All staff undergo appropriate levels of DBS checks, reference checks, and internal Safeguarding training courses. The Designated Safeguarding Person is the Head of the Centre, Dr Chris Eastabrook, who has a Level 3 certificate.

Domestic

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre is secure whilst still providing a means of escape in the event of an emergency. All buildings have fire and evacuation procedures, with a specific fire risk assessment in place for each premises. All fire protection systems are monitored and tested periodically to industry and local authority standards. Equally, electrical systems have regular, statutory testing. Our latest food hygiene rating is five stars, and all of our food handlers hold Level 2 or higher certification.

Transportation

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre owns a fleet of vehicles for its operations. All vehicles have service and maintenance schedules consistent with industry standards. Only employees of Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre may drive our vehicles. All drivers must have the correct full licence for the vehicle's classification and submit their licences for annual checks.

Data

Bryntysilio complies with GDPR and commits to collecting only necessary information and storing it securely for the required period. Bryntysilio is registered with the ISO.

The Head of Centre, Dr Chris Eastabrook, is responsible for ensuring that all the risk management processes are in place and followed. If you have any specific questions, please contact Chris at

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