

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP ([www.oeapng.info](http://www.oeapng.info)) and the SAGE framework to determine ratios and effective supervision. Ratios and effective supervision must be discussed during the planning stage with reference to the specific location and activity risk assessments.

<b>Activity: Night Walk Risk Assessment</b>			
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould &amp; Amelia Gibson</b>			<b>Date: January 2024</b> <b>Review: January 2025</b>
<b>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment and route specific risk assessment</b>			
1	<b>Accident from lack of effective supervision</b>	Lack of effective supervision, leading to slips, trips, losing a pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use SAGE guidance to determine staff ratios and the number of Leeson House tutors required. Focus on time of year, nature of the group</li> <li>• Leeson House would recommend no more than 25 pupils with one LH tutor</li> </ul>
2	<b>Hypothermia</b>	Inadequate personal clothing and/or unsuitable weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check weather forecast closely and check all pupils clothing – issue extra kit if needed</li> </ul>
3	<b>Over hanging branches</b>	Unseen branches at head height – scratches, injury to eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check route where possible</li> <li>• Avoid routes with over hanging branches where possible</li> <li>• Brief group about hazard</li> </ul>
4	<b>Stiles</b>	Slipping or tripping over stiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader/staff to use torches at stiles</li> <li>• 2 staff to help children over stiles</li> </ul>
5	<b>Farm Animals</b>	Approaching farm animals unaware in darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader to stay at front, to have adequate communication to other staff, be familiar with route and which fields have animals in. Prior briefing to pupils on behavior on encountering animals.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Fear</b>	Fear of the dark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose appropriate route, position of staff, torches, reassuring stories.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Farmer – pest control</b>	Hunting/shooting at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tutor to bring yellow jackets, if needed.</li> <li>• Torches/head torches required.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Laser – eye injury</b>	Accidental injury from use of laser spotter for use with star gazing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laser only to be used by LH staff. Hold it high above heads. Switch off before lowering.</li> </ul>
9	<b>Deer Ticks</b>	Tick Bites / LYMES DISEASE/ ENCEPHALITIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief pupils and staff on procedure for checking for ticks and advise to wear long sleeved trousers and t-shirts</li> <li>• REFER TO SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR LYMES DISEASE AND ENCEPHALITIS</li> </ul>

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP ([www.oeapng.info](http://www.oeapng.info)) and the SAGE framework to determine ratios and effective supervision. Ratios and effective supervision must be discussed during the planning stage with reference to the specific location and activity risk assessments.

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures</b>  Group Leader to know escapes routes for the specific route. Mobile phone reception is good along Priests Way.  Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112                      Leeson House – 01929 422126
------------------	---