

<b>Assessment of:</b>	Dress the Viking and Archaeological Dig		
<b>Location:</b>	Mount Cook	<b>Date of assessment:</b>	January 2024
<b>Completed by:</b>	Molly Ojari	<b>Expiry Date:</b>	February 2025
<b>Ratio:</b>	1:12 Max	<b>Staff Competencies</b>	Must have suitable group management experience. Signed off to run activity
<b>Activities Covered:</b>	Dress the Viking and Archaeological Dig Onsite	<b>Specific Emergency Procedure:</b>	Not Applicable

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Handling replica sword, dagger, javelin, spear or axe	<b>Participants and Staff:</b>  Cut, bruising, head injury.	Instructor safety briefing. Handling of items monitored. Replica weapons handled have dulled edges and points.  Weapons not left unattended and securely stored when not in use.	Y	Instructor to monitor weaponry handling.  Ensure edges and points are dull	Activity Staff  Activity Mgr	LOW

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Wearing chainmail and armour	<b>Participants:</b> Bruising, lifting, twisting, crushing, head injury.	Instructor safety briefing. Fitting armour and Viking items of dress done in pairs and supervised by instructor. Heavy items assisted by instructor when required. Time that individuals spend wearing full armour monitored for signs of fatigue	Y	Clear briefing by instructor	Activity Staff	LOW
Heavy/ Awkward lifting	<b>Participants and Staff:</b> Lifting and twisting, crushing injuries, breaks, head injury.	Full safety brief from activity staff, Instruction on correct handling and lifting techniques. Increased ratio for lifting big items	Y	Clear briefing by Activity Instructor	Activity Staff	LOW
Incorrect use of hand tools (trowels, brush)	<b>Participants and Staff:</b> bruising injuries, Cuts, head injury, eye injury.	Full safety brief from activity staff, Instruction on correct techniques and supervision of participants.	Y	Clear briefing by activity Instructor	Activity Staff	LOW
Rough/sharp edges on buried items exposed	<b>Participants:</b> Cuts, abrasions	Instructor brief on correct handling and recovery of finds. Protective gloves worn by participants while digging	Y	Clear briefing by activity Instructor	Activity Staff	LOW

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Poor Hygiene	<b>Participants and Staff:</b> Sickness or Illness	Safety talk at the start to outline potential hazards. Gloves worn whilst digging Handwashing recommended after session Dig site checked for hazards prior to session	Y	Clear briefing by activity Instructor Available Facilities in working order	Activity Staff	LOW
Slips, Trips and Falls on route to site	<b>Participants and staff:</b> Breaks, Twists, Falls, Sprains	Close leader supervision during activities and rest periods. Suitable footwear will be worn by participants. Activity site checked by Mount Cook staff before all sessions and hazards cleared	Y	Briefing by activity instructor	Activity Staff	LOW

**Risk Assessment Checked by H&S or Line manager.**

Name : Steve Turner CEO

Date : 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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