



GEOCACHING

Safety Guide

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KEY BENEFITS

Navigation Skills

Develops GPS and map reading abilities through practical application.

Problem Solving

Enhances critical thinking through cache puzzles and clues.

Outdoor Exercise

Encourages physical activity while exploring new environments.

Teamwork

Builds collaboration as groups work together to find caches.

Achievement

Provides sense of accomplishment through successful finds.

Environmental Awareness

Fosters appreciation for local areas and natural spaces.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Terrain & Navigation**

- ✓ Pre-check all cache locations
- ✓ Buddy system for all participants
- ✓ Avoid caches in unsafe areas
- ✓ Clear meeting points established

Weather & Environment

- ✓ Weather checked before departure
- ✓ Water and snacks carried
- ✓ Appropriate clothing required
- ✓ Allergy information collected

Road Safety

- ✓ Route avoids busy roads
- ✓ High-vis worn near roads
- ✓ Supervised road crossings
- ✓ GPS checked before crossings

Stranger Awareness

- ✓ Group stays together
- ✓ Adults positioned around group
- ✓ Stranger danger briefing given
- ✓ Emergency phone carried

PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST**Risk Assessment**

- Complete and review risk assessment for this activity
- Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures
- Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place

Pre-Activity

- Route reced and caches checked
- Consent and health info gathered
- Weather forecast reviewed
- Supervision ratios confirmed

Equipment

- GPS devices charged
- First aid kit packed
- Emergency phone charged
- Water and snacks ready

Group Safety

- Safety briefing given
- Meeting points explained
- Buddy pairs assigned
- Emergency procedure shared

On Route

- Regular headcounts done
- Terrain difficulties managed
- Hydration breaks taken
- Return time monitored



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