



RISK ASSESSMENT

No.	Hazard	Risk	Protective/Preventative Measures
001	Transporting riders to top of the hill in tractor and trailer.	Passengers falling out over the sides. Participants colliding with vehicle.	Trailer has been fitted with safety bars to prevent people falling out. Boards are stored on the outside of the trailer. Maximum distance to transport board riders is 800 yards. Maximum speed of vehicles permitted is 15mph. Only trained and experienced drivers with full drivers licences are permitted to drive transport vehicles. A safe route, which is regularly maintained, has been selected to transport passengers up hill away from board and buggy riders descending the hill. Tractor driver is trained in health and safety procedures and will eject any participant who is not following safety rules.
002	Board riders losing balance or control	Falling from boards resulting in possible injury to self or other participants.	Board riders are required to read safety rules when signing in. Tuition is given to all participants who are boarding for the first time. They are encouraged not to use excessive speed or difficult moves beyond their ability. Board runs are colour coded to indicate level of difficulty, similar to ski slopes. No board riders are allowed to ride without well fitting helmets and all riders are encouraged to wear full protective equipment. Slope is constantly patrolled by trained Haredown staff who will remove a participant if they are not riding safely.
003	Stray boards running away down hill after rider has dismounted.	Stray boards may collide with other board riders or pedestrians.	Signs are clearly placed at bottom of hill warning people of risks of runaway boards. Leashes are provided with Haredown hire boards if requested. The reason they are not compulsory is that there are risks associated with using them which matches or sometimes outweighs the potential risk of runaway boards.

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004	Objects such as trees in the way of board and buggy riders.	Board or buggy riders that have lost control may collide with obstacles such as trees.	All objects considered to be a hazard to board riders are protected by large soft bales and clearly marked with an arrow. All board and buggy riders are required to wear a well fitting helmet, and encouraged to wear full protective gear. Beginners are not permitted to ride on runs where trees are likely to be a hazard.
005	Riding 3-wheel buggies on the same site as mountain boarders.	Buggies liable to collide with mountain boarders whilst riding downhill on the same course.	A designated course has been created for the exclusive use of 3-wheeled buggies. Clear instructions are given to all buggy riders not to use the mountain boarding course and to look out for and keep clear of any boarders or pedestrians on the hill. Use of the mountain boarding course for buggy riders is only permitted when mountain boarders have been excluded from the site. Slope is constantly patrolled by trained Haredown staff who will remove a participant if they are not riding safely.
006	Use of barbecues onsite.	Burns occurring from barbecue misuse or children running into barbecue.	Barbecues are only to be used by adults who are informed of the risks. Barbecues are sited against walls where they can't be knocked over. Barbecues sited in the boarding field are clearly marked with hazard tape or similar. Haredown staff are present in the courtyard area and the field and will ensure barbecue is used safely.
007	Road	Children or groups crossing the road and being struck by a motor vehicle.	Road signs are placed on the road warning traffic of children crossing and warning them to slow down. Signs are placed at crossing points reminding pedestrians to mind the road. Large groups cross under the supervision of an adult and/or trained Haredown employee.
008	Farm Machinery	Car park is located on the periphery of a working farm, risk of pedestrians being struck by a tractor.	Clear signs highlight risk within the car park. Hazard tap clearly marks car park from the farm. Farm staff warned and trained that during centre opening hours pedestrians may cross their route. Alternative entrance provided which can be used by machinery in most cases. No tractor turning permitted anywhere near the car park or pedestrian crossing. Haredown car park and entrance clearly signed.

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009	Riding grass sledges on the same site as boards and buggies.	Collisions between any of the three different activities.	Grass sledges have their own area which is clearly marked with cones. Clear instruction is given that grass sledges must not go out of this area. Parents/guardians are shown safety rules before activity and must stay with children at all times. Slope is constantly patrolled by trained Haredown staff who will remove a participant if they are not riding safely.
010	Participants and spectators being in the same areas	Collisions between participants and spectators	All routes are clearly marked. Signage at the base of the hill instructs spectators not to walk on the routes and to keep children and dogs under control. Slope is constantly patrolled by trained Haredown staff who will act if a participant or spectator is not behaving safely within the designated areas.

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