

Assessment of:	Roman Soldier & Military Drill		
Location:	Mount Cook	Date of assessment:	February 2021
Completed by:	Steve Turner	Expiry Date:	February 2022
Ratio:	1:12 Max staff required varies depending on number of groups	Staff Competencies	Must have internal sign off.
Activities Covered:	Roman Soldier & Military drill is usually a history package. Often part of wider awareness raising.	Specific Emergency Procedure:	Handling of replica sword, dagger & spear. Low risk but injury sustained from these could be significant. E.g. potential for puncture wound or major cut. Extremely careful supervision of these items when demonstrating to group. Only to be handled as part of a demonstration in controlled classroom environment if group are calm and responding to instructions.

Hazard (something with the potential to cause harm)	Risk (how could the hazard cause harm, and who could it harm)	Control Measures (what is required to reduce the risk)	In Place (Y/N)	Action Required	Action Owner	Residual Risk (assuming all controls in place; Low, Med, High*)
Slips, Trips and Falls	Breaks, Twists, Falls, Sprains	Close leader supervision during activities and rest periods. Suitable footwear will be worn by the young people. Activity site checked by Mount Cook staff before all sessions and hazards cleared.	Y	Briefing by activity instructor	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Weather Conditions	Exposer to Heat, Cold, Wind and Rain.	Correct clothing, shelter, sunscreen, evacuation plan for Thunder and Lightning. Strong wind can potentially catch and blow shields. Monitor carefully.	Y	Adequate clothing for activity. Monitoring of weather	Mount Cook and Participants	LOW

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Awkward lifting of shields	Lifting and twisting, bruising injuries, breaks, concussion, head injury, eye injury.	Full safety brief from activity staff, Instruction on correct lifting techniques, student ratios for shared lifting. Monitor weather conditions, very strong winds can blow shields into other participants. Windy conditions may preclude the use of 'Testudo' formation, as it involves lifting of some shields above head height.	Y	Instructor instructions on correct lifting and equipment use technique.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Rough edges on shields	Cuts	Equipment checked before sessions. Clear instructor brief. Shields only picked up by handles.	Y	Safety Briefing. Kit checks before sessions.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Trapped fingers between shields	bruised fingers	Clear brief from instructor. Activity site level. Group energy and focus kept under control by instructor.	Y	Clear briefing from experienced instructor.	Mount Cook staff. Activity Mgr	LOW
Rough wooden shields.	Splinters	Equipment to be checked before sessions. Monthly checks and maintenance of equipment. Damaged equipment quarantined.	Y	Log inspection regime on paper trail to ensure completion	Mount Cook Staff Activity Mgr	LOW
Foam Sword	Potential poking injury with foam sword	Clear briefing from instructors. Any damaged swords withdrawn (they are soft bendy foam but have a smaller plastic inner piece) Instructor to monitor use of swords by group carefully, withdraw their use if not being adequately sensible.	Y	Clear briefing by activity instructor.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
<u>Dress the Roman Soldier</u>						
Cut from replica sword, dagger or javelin.	Articles if mishandled can cause harm to Students or instructor.	Full safety briefing. Instructor to control handling of items and remain able to intervene swiftly. Only one item at a time demonstrated. Activity undertaken in controlled classroom environment. Sharp items never left unattended, careful setup and pack-up of equipment required. Utilise 2 nd staff member to assist if required.	Y	Clear briefing by activity Instructor.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW

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Puncture or stab from replica items	Articles if mishandled can cause harm to Students or instructor.	Full safety briefing. Instructor to control handling of items and remain able to intervene swiftly. Only one item at a time demonstrated Activity undertaken in controlled classroom environment. Sharp items never left unattended, careful setup and pack-up of equipment required. Utilise 2 nd staff member to assist if required.	Y	Clear briefing by activity Instructor	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Awkward lifting of shield and body armour	Lifting and twisting, bruising injuries,	Full safety brief from activity staff, Instruction on correct lifting techniques, student ratios for shared lifting if younger.	Y	Staff briefing and Boundaries	Mount Cook Staff	Low

Risk Assessment checked by H&S or Line Manager

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Date: 9th April 2021

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