

Assessment of:	Dress the Viking and Archaeological Dig	Location:	Mount Cook
Completed by:	Molly Ojari	Date of assessment:	January 2024
Reviewed by:	James Clarke	Next Review Date:	February 2026
Ratio:	1:12 Max	Staff Competencies	Must have suitable group management experience. Signed off to run activity
Activities Covered:	Dress the Viking and Archaeological Dig Onsite	Specific Emergency Procedure:	Not Applicable

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Handling replica sword, dagger, javelin, spear or axe	Participants and Staff: 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
Wearing chainmail and armour	Participants: Bruising, lifting, twisting, crushing, head injury.	Instructor safety briefing. Fitting armour and Viking items of dress done in pairs and supervised by instructor.	Y	Clear briefing by instructor	Activity Staff	LOW

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		Heavy items assisted by instructor when required. Time that individuals spend wearing full armour monitored for signs of fatigue				
Heavy/ Awkward lifting	Participants and Staff: 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)	Participants and Staff: 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	Participants: 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	Participants and Staff: 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	Participants and staff: 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.

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Reviewed on: 6/2/2025



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