

Caravan and camping sites - health and safety checklist

Caravan and Camping Sites - Health and Safety Checklist for reference when carrying out your risk assessment / assessment review

Typical hazards associated with caravan and camping sites and example control measures.

Please note: the following provides examples, it is not intended as an exhaustive list of areas to consider or a list of all potential hazards and controls relevant to your site. It is provided as an aide and information source to refer to when carrying out your site specific assessment.

Static caravans

Areas to consider for potential hazards for static caravans.		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Siting and desiting of static caravans	Fatality/serious injury Musculoskeletal disorders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for siting / desiting of caravans• Staff training and supervision• Agreed procedure with contractors, including risk assessment• Exclude members of public from work area (ideally move caravans when site is closed)

Site Layout

Areas to consider for potential hazards for Layout		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Layout of:	Fire risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate separation between units. Including controls on the construction of decking between

Areas to consider for potential hazards for Layout

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday lets • Owner occupied • Touring Caravans • Camping Pods • Tents 		<p>units' according to site licence conditions and fire risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No combustible sheds or other structures within the separation distance • No combustible storage beneath caravans or decking • Vegetation kept cut back • Fire hose reels and extinguishers provided in accordance with site licence conditions • Maintenance regime for fire fighting equipment, including frost protection <p>See Fire safety risk assessment: sleeping accommodation on GOV.UK</p>

Camping pods

Areas to consider for potential hazards for camping pods

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Use	Carbon monoxide (CO)	<p>Notices within pods that no gas heaters, naked flames or BBQs allowed within pods</p> <p>Advice given to pod users at booking and on arrival, advice displayed on site and at retail point where BBQ's sold.</p> <p>For further information see links below:</p>

Tents / caravans

Areas to consider for potential hazards for tents / caravans

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Use	Carbon monoxide (CO)	Advice displayed on site and at retail point where BBQ's sold of dangers of CO.

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		<p>For further information see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon monoxide, BBQ and fire safety advice on UKCampsite.co.uk • Carbon monoxide (CO) can kill on the Camping and Caravan Club website • BBQ Safety on Gas Safe Register website

Site services

Areas to consider for potential hazards for site services

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Electrical installation and equipment	Electric shock and burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular visual checks for damage to installations, including hook ups and equipment • Electrical testing and inspection reports up-to-date, in compliance with site licence conditions • Work undertaken by competent person conversant with statutory requirements eg NICEIC or ECA contractor. • Isolation of abandoned pitches • Regular Residual Current Device (RCD) checks
Overhead electric cables	Electrocution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhead lines insulated, anti climb devices fitted. • Warning notices displayed • Advice given to site users <p>For further information see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhead power lines on HSE website • Tents and caravans on Electricity Northwest website

Areas to consider for potential hazards for site services

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Gas	Gas leak/explosion Carbon monoxide poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace old or perished gas hoses • Annual gas safety checks of site boilers, water heaters and equipment in holiday lets by Gas Safe Installer registered to work on LPG on caravan sites <p>For further information see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord Gas Responsibilities on the Gas Safe Register website. • Gas safety in touring caravans, motor-caravans, caravan holiday-homes and residential park-homes on the HSE website. • Carbon monoxide (CO) can kill on the Camping and Caravanning Club website. • Liquid Gas website.

LPG

Areas to consider for potential hazards for LPG storage

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
LPG storage	Gas leak/explosion/fire	<p>Compound for storage of new and used gas cylinders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitably sited - away from buildings and drain gullies. • Kept locked • Free from overgrown vegetation • Adequate size to meet site requirements (no stacking of cylinders) • No cylinder storage outside the cage • Warning signage displayed • No smoking <p>For further information see:</p>

Areas to consider for potential hazards for LPG storage

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK LPG • How to safely store your gas bottle on the Calor website.

Roadways and footpaths

Areas to consider for potential hazards for roadways and footpaths

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Pedestrian safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slips and trips • collision with vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain access roads and footpaths in good repair • Speed limits imposed • Pedestrian routes clearly marked • Provide handrails to steps • Lighting of footways as necessary • Clearly marked road system • Separate pedestrians from vehicles where possible (See link below to workplace transport safety checklist)
Traffic routes	Vehicles - collision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly marked traffic route, no obstructions • Speed limit applied • Adequate road width or one-way system in place <p>See workplace transport safety inspection checklist on the HSE website.</p>
Winter conditions	Icy/snowy conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of road and footpaths as appropriate • Signage <p>For further information see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently asked questions on slip and trips on the HSE website.

Areas to consider for potential hazards for roadways and footpaths

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear snow from a road, path or cycleway on GOV.UK.

Amenity blocks

Areas to consider for potential hazards for amenity blocks

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Floors	Slips/trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slip resistant flooring • Adequate cleaning procedures • Signage for wet/slippery floors <p>See slips and trips on the HSE website for further information.</p>
Water temperature	Scalding from hot water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermostatic control valves at water outlets • Warning signage
Legionella	Legionella risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler maintenance according to manufacturers instructions • Run all showers and other fittings weekly to avoid water stagnating • Dismantle and clean shower heads at least quarterly • Remove redundant pipework • Keep water cisterns covered, insulated and free of debris <p>See Legionella and Legionnaires' disease on the HSE website for further information.</p>
Laundry room	Electric shock/physical injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safety of electrical equipment • Interlocks fitted to washing machines, dryers and so on. <p>See NALI (National Association of the Launderette Industry) for guidance for launderettes.</p>

Leisure

Areas to consider for potential hazards for leisure		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Play Areas	Slips, trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular safety checks of equipment and surrounding area • Suitable floor surface material, replaced or repaired as necessary • Safe access route to the playground • Exclusion of animals • Safety signage displayed for example: supervision by parents, age restrictions / zones. <p>See Play Safety Advice and Information on the RoSPA website for further information.</p>
Spa Pools / Hot Tubs	Legionella Risk of other infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training in pool management • Effective water treatment • Water sampling programme • Instructions to users <p>See Legionella and Legionnaires' disease the HSE website for further information.</p>

Asbestos

Areas to consider for potential hazards for asbestos containing material		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Asbestos containing material	Asbestos related disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out whether there are any materials containing asbestos on the site and, if so, where it is and what condition it is in. If in doubt, materials must be presumed to contain asbestos; • assess the risk and • make a plan to manage that risk and act on it. <p>See the duty to manage asbestos on the HSE website for guidance.</p>

Grounds maintenance

Areas to consider for potential hazards for grounds maintenance		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Grounds Maintenance	Chemical poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe use of grass cutting and other equipment • Trained staff • Equipment maintenance <p>See Pesticides on the HSE website for further information.</p>
	Physical injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe use of grass cutting and other equipment • Trained staff • Equipment maintenance <p>See Pesticides on the HSE website for further information.</p>

Conflicting site uses

Areas to consider for potential hazards for conflicting site uses		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Conflicting site uses	Collision/accident	Other activities kept separate from the caravan site

Other site features

Areas to consider for potential hazards for other site features		
Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
Steep slopes/ sudden changes in level	Slips trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing as appropriate • Warning signage

Areas to consider for potential hazards for other site features

Topic Area	Example Hazards	Example control measures
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice to site users
Watercourses	Drowning Flood risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing as appropriate • Warning signage • Advice to site users <p>See camping and caravan sites: minimise your flood risk on GOV.UK for more information.</p>
Ticks	Lyme Disease	<p>Information provided on site.</p> <p>Go to leaflets on the Lyme Disease Action website to download leaflets and posters for further information.</p>

Information sources:

- **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)**
Website: www.hse.gov.uk
- **Gas Safe register**
Website: www.gassaferegister.co.uk
- **British Holiday and Home Parks Association (BH&HPA)**
Website: www.bhhpa.org.uk
- **National Caravan Council**
Website: www.thencc.org.uk
- **The Caravan and Camping Club**
Website: www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk
- **The Caravan Club Limited**
Website: www.caravanclub.co.uk
- **NCC Training Academy**
Website: www.nccacademy.org.uk
- **Fire Industry Association**
Website: www.fia.uk.com

- **Liquid Gas UK**
Website: www.liquidgasuk.org

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