Risk Assessment - Youth Group working in the First Response Team

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Sessions will be run to showcase the department, and some of the equipment we operate. These sessions aim to be fun, informative and relaxed, while at the same time being safe and structured. There will be no pre-defined cap on numbers for these sessions as they are bespoke and can be adapted accordingly. Hazards include injuries due to handling pressurised equipment like fire hoses, injuries due to improper use of carry equipment and injuries due to lifting and using other heavy equipment.

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Youth group participating in First Response activities

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc
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Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Handling pressurised equipment, improper use of equipment or due to lifting/carrying, slips/trips/falls etc. Lack of awareness, training or knowledge	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members to be supervised closely by a competent adult. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members to only carry equipment if the leaders and FRT volunteers deem it safe and there are ample competent persons to assist. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young persons should not carry equipment over uneven ground or obstacles. - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Administrative: Care taken to avoid trips and other hazards by locations for activities chosen to avoid hazards. - Effective 5) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members to be supervised, leaders to intervene if a location is deemed too unsafe due to hazards. - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members to be under close supervision by a competent adult and have ample training beforehand. - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young people to be under close supervision, with only one young member operating a pressurised container, hose or piece of equipment at a time. - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members without manual handling training should not attempt to lift or transport any heavy equipment. Competent adult to supervise and ensure this is adhered to. Young members not to carry anything they feel uncomfortable with. - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Administrative: No restricted space to be overcrowded. Situation to be constantly reviewed by competent adult. Young members not to be in restricted spaces if they are uncomfortable or cause others to feel uncomfortable, or are determined to be causing an unacceptable level of risk to themselves or others by being there. - Effective 10) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young workers never to be left alone or work alone. - Effective 11) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members must be fully supervised by a competent adult at all times when a fire is active. Young members are not to light or be within three metres of a training fire. Young members not to be left alone near a training fire. Training fires only to be used if fully trained staff are present and the young members are deemed to be mature and sensible enough. - Effective 12) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young members must be fully accounted for and kept in a safe position away from roads when moving vehicles are present. Drivers to pay attention to young members and supervisor and be prepared to stop immediately in response to unpredictable or dangerous behaviour. - Effective 13) CRITICAL - Administrative: No young members or FRT volunteers should be put in any situation they feel uncomfortable with. All staff must consent to any activities they are to be involved in and must not be forced to do anything. - Effective 14) CRITICAL - Administrative: FRT volunteers will be rostered specifically for the bespoke young members days and be aware of the appropriate practices regarding safeguarding. - Effective 15) CRITICAL - Administrative: No young members or FRT volunteers should be put in any situation they feel uncomfortable with. All staff must consent to any activities they are to be involved in and must not be forced to do anything. - Effective CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE	2 x 2 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	None	n n n	n/a

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			16) CRITICAL - Administrative: A DBS-checked volunteer must be present at all times. - Effective 17) CRITICAL - Administrative: Use of choke vests to demonstrate the Abdominal Thrust technique (formerly Heimlich manoeuvre) should only be done with two fully consenting young members, or two fully consenting adult volunteers, under no circumstance should an adult demonstrate the Abdominal Thrust technique or Back Blows on a young person. - Effective 18) CRITICAL - PPE: Young members always to wear the correct PPE. - Effective				

COSHH Assessments

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.

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