



Risk Management for Outdoor Program

Risk Management Workshop

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Learning Objectives

- *Distinguish between applying risk management and providing a safe program*
- *Evaluate when the risk management process occurs*
- *Compare the levels of risk management application to outdoor program*
- ***Point out the inherent risk of high-adventure treks***
- *Examine the level of risk Vs probability of hazard*





What is Risk Management?

A decision-making process that allows us to:

accept risks by,

identifying hazards and

possible negative outcomes that could happen, then

take steps to eliminate or minimize those outcomes



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What is Risk Management?

A way of evaluating present and potential hazards in order to effectively deliver program without exposing participants to unnecessary risk while meeting the goals of an organization, program, or training



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Risk Management vs. Safe Program

What does it mean to have a “safe” program?

- Safe: freedom from risk or harm (USLegal.com)
 - : free from harm or risk (Merriam-Webster)
 - : free from danger or injury (thefreedictionary.com)



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Levels of Risk Management

- Enterprise Risk Management
- Strategic Risk Management
- Operational Risk Management
 - Deliberate
 - Time Critical





Levels of Risk Management

Enterprise Risk Management

- A wholistic approach which considers both Strategic and Operational Risk management





Levels of Risk Management

Strategic Risk Management

- Considers hazards which impact an organization's ability to deliver expected outcomes or carry out its mission





Levels of Risk Management

Operational Risk Management

- Conducted at the program level and considers hazards which originate from failed internal procedures, human or error, or external events





Levels of Risk Management

Operational Risk Management

- Deliberate
 - Conducted in the planning phase of delivering program
- Time Critical
 - Involves reacting to an emergency situation or unplanned event during the program





Risk in BSA Outdoor Program

- Inherent Risk is based on
 - Activity
 - Location
- Potential Risk is conditional on
 - Skill
 - Equipment
 - information





Risk Management

Enables us to:

- Take the right risk
- Accepted at the right level
- Once considering what we might gain if everything goes right
- Against what we lose if everything goes wrong





Risk Assessment

- Review of what could go wrong → Hazards
- Potential impact → Probability and Severity
- Ways to eliminate or lessen risk → Mitigation
- Residual Risk → Accepted risk





Hazard

Any real or potential condition or practice with the potential to cause injury, illness, death, or which could result in loss of or damage to property



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Probability & Severity

- Probability – The odds of something occurring
 - Every course
 - once in a lifetime
- Severity – The seriousness of the consequences
 - Scout-rendered first aid
 - Injuries requiring medical intervention
 - serious injury
 - death
 - property damage



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Probability & Severity

		Severity	
		Minor	Major
Probability	Low	Bug flies into eye	Fall down a steep slope while hiking
	High	Cut finger while preparing a meal	Car accident due to drowsy driving

Fig. 5-1 Risk Probability-Severity Matrix





Mitigation

A process or control measure(s) put in place to reduce, eliminate, or avoid exposure to a hazard

Passive

Smoke alarm

Fire extinguisher

Fire Bucket

PPE

Active

Risk Advisory

Medical exam

Skills training

Location Brief

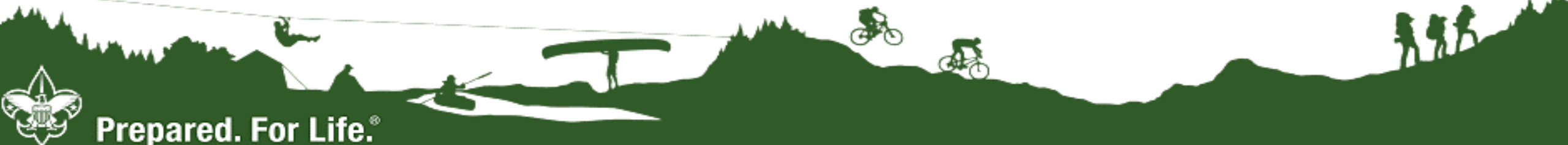
Reactive

Emergency Plan

Contact Info

CPR Cert

First aid kit



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Accepted Risk

The amount of risk left over once mitigation has been implemented which is deemed acceptable by an appropriate authority within the organization



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Our Charge

We will not expose our participants to undue risk for which our staff has not discussed, implemented mitigation, trained, and prepared emergency plans for.



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Reflection

1. What is the difference between providing a safe program and a program which utilizes risk management?
2. When is the risk management process conducted?





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