

Safety Notice

To promote good safety practices

This safety notice is issued to learn from an accident on 15 March 2025

Reporting of Accidents

Concern: Incorrect operation / failure of equipment

Risk: Harm to person using the equipment

Possible Consequences: Depending on the type and use of the equipment combined with the failure mode, electrical or mechanical injuries with the potential for long-term disabilities and medical needs.

Observations:

Cut finger **requiring hospital treatment** while using the 'Walker' element of the exercise area.

Reporting:

Scout guidance can be found at [Reporting Incidents, Illness and Emergencies](#).

7.4.1.1 The reporting requirements includes the [online incident reporting form](#) which must be used to inform UK Headquarters if any person, in the course of, or arising out of, a Scout activity or while on, or in conjunction with, any Scout property, whether a member or not:

- a) Suffers personal injury or illness where that injury or illness necessitates medical treatment by a doctor, dentist, nurse, paramedic or at a hospital. Minor injuries or illnesses not requiring such treatment must be recorded locally, with UK Headquarters being informed if they subsequently receive medical attention
- b) requires rescuing where rescue involves any Emergency Service: Police, Fire, Ambulance, Mountain Rescue or Coastguard
- c) dies.

7.4.1.2 If an accident during a Scout activity results in third party damage, UK Headquarters must be informed at the earliest suitable opportunity.

On receipt of this information, UK Headquarters will issue the necessary instructions and an incident report form.

7.4.1.3 In the event of any injury or fatality, or damage to third party property, no admission of liability must be made unless advised by UK Headquarters. (See 7.2 for actions required in the event of an emergency.)

Learning from Incidents Guidance:

A learning review seeks to take a reflective look at the event and what should or could have avoided the incident. Any lessons learned by the review should be shared across the local team to try and prevent a recurrence.

Reference:

- [Reporting Incidents, Illness and Emergencies](#)
- [Scout Safety Policy](#)
- [Scout Risk Assessment](#)
- [Planning and Assessing Risk](#)
- [Activity & Safety Updates](#)