

Scouts Activity Risk Assessment
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Activity: Online Scout Meetings (via Zoom)

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Risk and Severity are ranked on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest.

NB: Scout meetings taking place via video chat platforms are a last resort, but are now needed given the likely length of suspended face-to-face activities due to COVID-19.

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Risk	Severity	Control Measures
Leader being alone with Scouts online	Leaders, Scouts	2	4	Leaders to be online 15 minutes before meeting begins. Waiting room function to be used by Leader IC (Host) to ensure 2 leaders are online and working before Scouts are allowed to join
Age restriction on Zoom of 18 years	Scouts	4	2	Parents informed they must assist the Scout to log in, and be within earshot for the whole meeting. Cannot be policed, individual parents must make decision about safety of their Scout. Scouts advised to be within a public area of the house, not a bedroom where possible.
Scouts/Leaders recording meeting	Leaders, Scouts	2	3	Leader IC to disable the Zoom recording function for all. All requested not to take recordings on other devices.
Inappropriate background/language	Leaders, Scouts	3	3	All parents informed that video calls will show the background, and that this should not contain anything else happening. All informed about the use of bad language around the meeting.

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Injury due to activities	Leaders, Scouts	2	4	Meeting length to be approx. 1hr to limit screen time. No activities that could cause injuries to be planned. Consideration to all family circumstances and housing layouts to be made when planning activities. Parents made aware that Leaders cannot supervise Scouts, unlike normal meetings.
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The general risk assessment for normal troop meetings still applies; however, where an issue is repeated, the above indicates the control measures in place whilst Online Scouting takes place.