

Risk Assessment – Public Activity

ACTIVITY ASSESSED Public Observing		ASSESSMENT DATE March 2007 (last reviewed: January 2010 , EJR)	
ACTIVITY LOCATION Wynyard Woodland Park		ASSESSED BY Ed Restall Planetarium Director	
HAZARD	Who's at risk?	PRECAUTIONS	RISK LEVEL
Non-CRB checked members of the public	Children & Vulnerable Adults	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision Level: Public observing is a weekly event where members of the public can mingle with members of Cleveland & Darlington and Durham astronomical societies, look through their telescopes & ask them questions. All assisting members of these societies, who bring their own telescopes to the event have a valid enhanced CRB check (every 3 years) and are registered volunteers with Stockton Borough Council. Telescope Usage: In line with all observing events, members of the public are not encouraged to bring their own telescopes; they are expected to look through instruments belonging to CRB checked members of the two societies and the planetarium/observatory. All observing activity is monitored by CRB checked astronomers. Volunteer Supervision: In the unlikely event of the planetarium director's absence from a public observing evening, all volunteers are CRB-checked astronomers experienced in this activity over many years. They are all made aware of the operating guidelines of observing events and should have no problem in coordinating the event. 	Low
Tripping hazard: Telescopes and ancillary equipment	All visitors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Telescopes, tripods, mounts, cameras and electrical/electronic leads can all represent a tripping hazard in the dark. Volunteers are asked to make people aware of the hazards from protruding parts of telescopes. All electrical/electronic leads are routed well away from the areas of public access to telescopes. 	Medium
Red & Green lasers under 50mW (class 2, 3R & 3B)	All visitors plus aircraft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Only registered volunteers who have signed and understood laser safety guidelines and good practise agreements are allowed to use lasers. A separate risk assessment is carried out for laser usage at school and public events Only lasers of class 3B <50mW or below are allowed. 	Medium