

Risk assessment _ Beach Hut

Company name: Maya's Community Support Centre

Assessment carried out by: Bev Hardstone

Date of next review: 6th April

2027

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HAZARD: Slips, Trips & Falls (wet surfaces, algae, uneven paving)	Staff, volunteers, service users, members of the public	Nothing	Regular visual inspection of paving and hut entrance prior to any activity	Anyone leading an activity	Ongoing	
			Use non-slip mats inside hut	Andrew R to order	1st May 2026	
			Avoid sessions during unsafe weather conditions	Anyone leading an activity	Ongoing	
			Clear signage when surfaces are wet	Andrew R	1st May 2026	

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<p>Risk Level (Before Controls): Medium-High</p> <p>Risk Level (After Controls): Low-Medium</p>						
	<p>All users, particularly during walk & talk sessions</p>	<p>Nothing Nothing</p>	<p>Control Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check tide times daily 	<p>Activity leader</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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<p>HAZARD: Tidal Movement / Sea Conditions</p> <p>Risk Level (After Controls): Low</p>	<p>Staff, volunteers, participants</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not conduct beach activities close to rising tide line Check particularly high tide times prior to activities Display poster with high tide eg Spring tides in hut Staff awareness of emergency procedures Clear boundaries set for participants at beginning of each activity Monitor weather forecasts 	<p>Bev H</p> <p>Bev H</p> <p>Activity Leader</p> <p>Event promoter to mention in</p>	<p>1st May 2026</p> <p>1st May 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	

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<p>HAZARD: Weather Exposure (sun, wind, cold, rain)</p> <p>Control Measures:</p> <p>Risk Level (Before Controls): Medium</p> <p>Risk Level (After Controls): Low</p>	<p>Staff and volunteers and service users . Injuries caused by lifting poorly and items too heavy or</p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide shade and hydration in hot weather • Encourage warm clothing in cold conditions • Cancel sessions during extreme weather • Access to shelter (hut) at all times 	<p>written event info + activity leader</p> <p>Activity Leader</p> <p>Key space installed</p> <p>Keys to be picked up prior to every session from key safe</p> <p>Bev H</p> <p>All</p> <p>Neil Cardo</p>	<p>Neil Cardo 1st May</p> <p>Activity leaders</p> <p>20th May 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	

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<p>HAZARD: Lone Working (counselling / quiet sessions)</p> <p>Risk Level (Before Controls): Medium</p> <p>Risk Level (After Controls): Low</p>	<p>Service users</p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>Lone working policy in place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff/volunteers/therapists check-in/check-out system • All event leaders must have a charged Mobile phones available at all times • No isolated working after dark permitted • Emergency contact procedures 	<p>All, Ongoing</p> <p>Ionela C to set up</p> <p>Ionella C To process advanced checks for all working with vulnerable adults</p>	<p>1st May and prior to each new leader</p> <p>1st May and prior to each new leader who works with vulnerable people</p>	

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<p>HAZARD: Safeguarding (vulnerable adults / emotional distress)</p> <p>Risk Level (Before Controls): Medium–High</p> <p>Risk Level (After Controls): Low</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff volunteers and therapists (activity leaders) working with vulnerable adults must be DBS-checked prior to carrying out any sessions All Safeguarding policies in place. All activity leaders must confirm they have received and read Maya’s Safeguarding policy and procedures 	<p>BH to write and arrange to displayed</p> <p>All counsellors and therapists</p>	<p>1st May 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	

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			<p>prior to any activity taking place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear reporting procedures on display in Beach hut• Boundaries maintained during counselling sessions• Signposting to additional support services• No activities in the water without professionals directly supervising			

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<p>Hazard: Fire Safety</p> <p>Risk: Medium before controls</p> <p>Low after controls.</p> <p>Controls:</p>	<p>Anyone in the hut or surrounding hut could be harmed by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.faulty electrical equipment 2. fire caused by unextinguished cigarettes 3. BBQ in hut 	<p>Nothing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.No electrical equipment to be used without a recent PAT Test. Daily checks to ensure no sockets are overloaded 2. No Smoking rule displayed on notices in the hut NO BBQ to be used in the hut or on the hut steps. This also will be displayed in the rules 	<p>PAT testers</p> <p>Bev H</p> <p>Bev H</p>	<p>Prior to any equipment installed in the hut.</p> <p>1st May 2026</p> <p>1st May 2026</p>	

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<p>Hazard: Food Safety</p> <p>Risk: Low–Medium before controls, Low after controls.</p>	<p>Any user could be harmed by:</p> <p>1.lack of fresh water to drink and wash up</p> <p>2.Food could be left in the hut which is out of date.</p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>1.Ensure bottled water is fresh and available every time the hut is in use.</p> <p>Provide washing up liquid, and other cleaning equipment and a bowl to wash up in.</p> <p>2.Insist that each group/ individuals clear up after themselves and take their rubbish with them. Bev to make poster and include in rules . Hand sanitizer to be provided</p>	<p>Activity leader</p> <p>Bev H</p> <p>Each Activity Leader</p> <p>Bev H</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1st May 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>1st May 2026</p>	

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	<p>3.BBQ meat could be eaten that is undercooked</p> <p>4.Users could have an allergic reaction to food prepared</p>		<p>3. Provide temperature probe</p> <p>Insist all food brought to the hut and prepared group members contains a list of ingredients</p>	<p>Andrew R</p> <p>Anyone preparing food</p>	<p>1st May 2026</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Hazard: Public / Anti-social Behaviour</p>	<p>Anyone using the beach hut but particularly therapists who</p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>See Lone Working section above + wherever possible work in pairs</p>	<p>Therapists/ event organisers</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	

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<p>Risk: Medium before controls, Low after controls.</p>	<p>may be lone working</p>		<p>All critical incidents to be reported to safeguarding lead</p>	<p>Anyone who experiences anti social behaviour</p>		
<p>Hazard: Infection/ Pest control Control</p> <p>Risk: Medium before controls, Low after controls.</p>	<p>Anyone eating food prepared by our staff of volunteers.</p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>Encourage good hand hygiene ,provide hand sanitiser and disinfectant sprays for wiping down surfaces</p> <p>Ensure no food is left in the hut after each session</p>	<p>Bev H to provide supplies</p>	<p>By 1st May 2026</p>	
		<p>Nothing</p>		<p>Bev H</p>	<p>1st May 2026</p>	

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<p>Emergencies by the sea</p>	<p>Any user Sunburn/Sunstroke Dehydration</p> <p>In trouble in the water</p> <p>Cuts and abrasions from the beach</p>		<p>Provide hats Provide aftersun</p> <p>Display posters of how to call the coast guards in an emergency</p> <p>Provide a well stocked First aid kit . Train more First Aiders</p> <p>Incident forms to be completed after any incident</p>	<p>Bev H/Ionela C</p> <p>Bev Hardstone</p> <p>Bev Hardstone to arrange</p> <p>Activity leader</p>	<p>1st May 2026</p>	