# Risk Assessment – Bubble Footballs

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| **Hazard Identified & Risks from It?** | **Who is at Risk?** | **How are the risks controlled?** | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
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| Neck injury from rolling the bubble with head sticking out top. | Young People | * Staff must check that a suitable bubble size is selected for each participant so their head and neck are well within the bubble.
* Staff must check that shoulder straps are tightened for each young person.
* Staff must check that bubbles are used the correct way up (check writing and logo on the outside).
* Young people must be instructed to hold onto the handles at all times within the bubble.
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| Impact injury from collision with other players. | Young People | * Young people will be instructed to avoid full impact body charges.
* Young people will be instructed to avoid impacts with players who have fallen over.
* Young people instructed to avoid contact with anyone who is not wearing a bubble.
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| Impact injury from collision between player and spectator. | Young People and Spectators | * Playing field to be clearly marked with fibreglass / plastic canes.
* Spectators will be instructed not to enter the playing field.
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| Injury due to slips, trips and falls. | Young People | * Playing field to be cleared of trip hazards as far as practical.
* Staff must check the young people are wearing appropriate footwear for the activity and that shoe laces are tied.
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| Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion | Young People | * Staff to check that young people bring a full water bottle with them to the activity.
* Staff to monitor young people throughout the activity and advise anyone who is overheating to rest in the shade and drink water.
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| Sunburn | Young People | * If weather is sunny, or forecast to be sunny, staff to check that young people are wearing sun cream.
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| Cold and Hypothermia | Young People | * If weather is wet or forecast to rain, staff to check that young people have brought a waterproof jacket to the activity.
* Staff to check the young people are suitably clothed for the weather conditions, e.g. have jumpers / jackets with them.
* Shelter to be available at the activity location, e.g. event shelter.
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