



Risk Assessment

Low Ropes Course

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Description of Severity, Probability and Risk Factors

S = Severity	Description	P = Probability	Description	R.F. = Risk Factor	Description
1 Insignificant	No Injury No financial loss	1 Rare	Conveivable but only in extreme circumstances	1 3	Low Risk. Very little risk of harm to participants
2 Minor	First aid treatment Some financial loss or penalty	2 Unlikely	Hasn't happened yet, but could still happen	4 9	Moderate Risk. Very little risk of harm to participants if control measures are followed.
3 Moderate	Medical treatment required Financial loss or penalty	3 Possible	Could happen or has happened infrequently in the past	12 15	High Risk Some acceptable residual risk to participants. Enhanced control measures must be followed.
4 Major	Medical treatment in hospital required Significant financial loss or penalty	4 Likely	Could easily happen or has happened more frequently in the past	16 25	Catastrophic Risk Unacceptable level of risk
5 Catastrophic	Death Massive financial loss or penalty	5 Almost Certain	Often occurs		

Hazard	Involved	Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Acceptable
Unauthorised Access	Unauthorised Users	P = 1 - RARE S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 3 - LOW	Warning signs are displayed on the trees at the beginning and end of the course. These advise of no unauthorised access.	P = 1 - RARE S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 3 - LOW	YES
Lack of Understanding	All Users	P = 3 - POSSIBLE S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 9 - MODERATE	All Users are given verbal instruction about the Activity and the Safety Rules in place for the Activity by the group leader in charge of the session.	P = 1 - RARE S = 2 - MINOR R.F. = 2 - LOW	YES
Activity Equipment Failure	All Users	P = 3 - POSSIBLE S = 4 - MAJOR R.F. = 12 - HIGH	<p>Activities Team Leader or their nominated deputy to check the course monthly.</p> <p>All wires and platforms are cleaned regularly by member of the activities team or site services team.</p> <p>Group Leaders running the session for their group are advised to check the course before the start of the session.</p> <p>Any part of the course that is deemed unsafe is withdrawn from use.</p>	P = 2 - UNLIKELY S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 6 - MODERATE	YES
Injury from Accident or Fall	All Users	P = 3 - POSSIBLE S = 4 - MAJOR R.F. = 12 - HIGH	<p>All Users are to wear the correct clothing (as detailed in the activity information sheet, sent to all groups who book this activity via the Welcome Pack).</p> <p>Adults supervising the course are given a safety briefing which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using spotters correctly Part 1: not in use Part 5: do not put hand through bracket to hold rope Part 7: Watch user doesn't bang head or neck on platform to part 8. 	P = 2 - UNLIKELY S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 6 - MODERATE	YES
Tripping	All Users, Spectators and Supervisors	P = 4 - LIKELY S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 12 - HIGH	<p>The area around the course to be checked by the activities team leader or their nominated deputy monthly and any necessary action taken to clear away overgrowing vegetation, hanging branches or exposed tree roots etc.</p> <p>All users should be made aware of uneven ground, tree stumps and roots and boulders by the</p>	P = 2 - UNLIKELY S = 3 - MODERATE R.F. = 6 - MODERATE	YES

group leader in charge of the session.
