

Lineham Farm Children's Centre. Risk Assessment for: Low Ropes Course

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Review date (12 months or following any significant change or an incident)

What are the hazards?	Who could be harmed and how?	What are the control measures	Risk rating	What further actions are required?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Date done
Participants' known medical condition, e.g. asthma, hay fever, allergy	Participants	Check medical forms, relevant preventative medication to be taken before session, reliever medication to be carried at all times, e.g. asthma inhalers, epipen	2	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Equipment failure	All	Pre activity course and PPE inspection as per operational procedures	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Foreign Bodies/trip hazard on ground	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspection beforehand and hazards removed. 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Discomfort from cold/wet conditions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all are suitably dressed prior to starting the activity. Prepare to suspend or cancel the activity 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Sunburn	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue sun-tan lotion where needed. Seek shade where possible 	2	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
High winds	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor weather and suspend/cancel when wind too strong 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control	Ongoing prior to session

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Head injury by hitting head	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants must wear helmets at all times when on the pebbled area. Helmets to be fitted or checked by instructors. 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Fingers, hair, clothing or jewellery caught in elements.	Participants	Ongoing	2	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Fall from course	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brief participants on correct use of each element according to operating procedures Inspect surfaces liable to be slippery before they are used Brief participants on 'spotting techniques' for each element. 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Mis-use of elements	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brief participants that they are only to access the elements they are told when they are told to and not at any other time. Instruct participants not to try to help others by swinging elements such as vines towards them. Be prepared to suspend/cancel the activity in event of non-compliance 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Minor injuries, cuts, grazes, bruises	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief participants to be observant, work out moves and move carefully and in control. First aid kit on site. 	4	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session
Unauthorised use	Anyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stow elements tidily at end of session. Close gate. Adequate signage to deter unauthorised use. Weekend/evening groups advised that area is out of bounds 	2	N/A	Activity Instructor	As per the control measure	Ongoing prior to session

Maximum Supervision Ratio: 1 Instructor + appropriate adult :16 First Aid Kit Carried? YES .

Supervisor Qualification: Recognised RC Instructor Cert. (Eg Vertex). Assistant Qualification: Recognised RC assistant Cert. (Eg. Vertex) or LF Competency.

Essential Safety Equipment: First Aid. Mobile Phone.

Other comments Leader to follow operating procedures for this activity.

2.6 Risk assessment calculator

Likelihood

The likelihood of something happening can be graded as:

- 1** = Low (seldom)
- 2** = Medium (frequently)
- 3** = High (certain or near certain)

Severity

The severity of injury if something does happen can be graded as:

- 1** = Low (minor cuts and bruises)
- 2** = Medium (serious injury or incapacitated for 3 days or more)
- 3** = High (fatality or a number of persons seriously injured)

	3	3	6	9
Likelihood	2	2	4	6
	1	1	2	3
		1	2	3

Risk rating

- 1 – 2 = low priority
- 3 – 4 = medium priority
- 6 – 9 = high priority

Severity