

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

BIG SWING

HAZARD	AT RISK	DEGREE OF RISK	ACTION TO CONTROL RISK	COMMENTS
FALLING OFF WHILST ON SWING	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing the pole above the height of the ladder, the instructor must use the access system with ASAP and working at height full body harness. Ensure correct staff to student ratios. 1:15 max Clear concise briefing Check clients PPE before attaching to swing Client secured with main pin through belay hoop and lynch pins in place. Client then attached to sling wrapped around bar and clipped into chest sling using screw gate karabiner Double check once all fitted 	
PHYSICAL INJURY WHILST ON BAR	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check hands are on top of bar when being pulled up. 	
SWING HITTING TROLLEY	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before hoisting up swing, access trolley must be clear swing area and secured by instructor with the chain. Clear instruction that blue rope is not to be pulled until asked. 	
BEING HIT BY SWING	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before hoisting up swing all clients and instructional staff must be clear of swing area Instructor to control group/users whilst swing is in motion until swing comes to a complete stop. 	

PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients are to be encouraged but not put under unreasonable pressure to complete an activity against their will. • Different stages of the swing can be suggested. 	
CLOTHING / HAIR CATCHING IN EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair tied back and tucked inside clothing (if long enough) • Clothing secure • Ensure clients keep away from pulleys and devices. 	
INJURY FROM JEWELLERY	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to ensure clients remove any jewellery that could cause an injury. 	
WEATHER	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity stopped / cancelled if weather presents a significant risk e.g. lightning, high winds • Risk of slipping when wet or icy. • Great care advised by instructor in such conditions. 	
HARNESS COMING UNDONE / FALLING OFF	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to check the correct sizing and fitting of harness. Instructor to re-check harness before using swing and particularly if removed/adjusted by the participants. • Constant supervision of safety equipment by instructor. 	
EQUIPMENT FAILURE			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session leader to carry out checks on swing and PPE before the session. This is recorded on the pre-session check sheet kept in the shed. 	

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary