

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

HIGH ROPES – All Aboard

HAZARD	AT RISK	DEGREE OF RISK	ACTION TO CONTROL RISK	COMMENTS
HEAD INJURY	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmets are issued to all participants, staff member and are also worn by instructors. The fitting of helmets is checked by the instructor prior to and throughout the session. Helmets may only be removed if outside the area of the activity and or the instructor has given permission. 	
FALLING OFF WHILST ON/ AT TOP OF ALL ABOARD	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasise the need to listen to instructions. Ensure correct staff to student ratios. Clear concise briefing Correct belaying procedure, overseen by instructor. Instructor to let person down from the top 	
HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO CLIENT TO CLIENT BELAYING	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRIGRI belaying devices are used, training given as to the correct use as recommended by the manufacture. Belayers are backed up by a person on the dead rope. Slip knot tied when at the top. Instructor or trained person to let down group member. 	

HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO ROPE STRETCH	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep ropes as tight through the GRIGRI • Slow release of rope through GRIGRI 	
PHYSICAL INJURY (Jammed fingers, being stood on).	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients warned of working in close proximity to others and the potential for injuring one another. • Instructor is a qualified first aider and carries a first aid kit. • Clients have personal medication with them and instructor checks all group members medical conditions PRIOR to the session via the Group Medical Form 	
PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group member to be encouraged but not put under unreasonable pressure and forced to complete an activity against their will. 	
ROPES TWISTING WITH EACH OTHER	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients informed of the risks in crossing ropes. • Clients to uncross ropes should they become crossed. • Clients told not to hold onto another person's rope. 	

SWINGING AND HITTING EACH OTHER	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients are informed of possible pendulum effects and hands and feet must be at the ready to fend off. 	
CLOTHING / HAIR CATCHING IN EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair tied back • Clothing secure • Rescue equipment available to hoist and release 	(Discussed with VERTEX 15/16 April 2019)
INJURY FROM JEWELLERY	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients are instructed to remove all loose jewellery before session. • Client advised of the risks associated with taking part in the activity with jewellery in place. 	
BECOMING DETACHED FROM ROPE AND FALLING TO THE GROUND	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients tied into the rope using a re-tied figure of eight knot with stopper knots and tail. • Karabiners not used to secure client to the safety rope. 	
WEATHER	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity stopped / cancelled if weather presents a significant risk e.g. lightening, high winds. 	
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 continues to re-check harness throughout the session particularly if removed or adjusted by the client. 	

EQUIPMENT FAILURE	INSTRUCTOR	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other equipment to be checked before us • Session leader to check rope before drawing equipment. 	
	CLIENT			
ROPE BURN ON FALLING FROM ALL ABOARD	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients told not to hold onto another person's rope. 	

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary