

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

HIGH ROPES – Belayed Traverse

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 BELAYED TRAVERSE	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check suitable clothing being worn. Emphasise the need to listen to instructions. Ensure correct staff to student ratios. Clear concise briefing. Correct belaying procedure. 	
HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO ROPE STRETCH	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to consider using belay ground anchor when appropriate. Keep ropes as tight as possible. Lower group member down carefully. 	

PHYSICAL INJURY	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor is a qualified first aider and carries a first aid kit. • Group member 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 encouraged not put under unreasonable pressure and forced to complete an activity against their will. 	
INJURY FROM JEWELLERY	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members are instructed to remove all loose jewellery before session. • Group members 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"> • Group members tied into the rope using a retied figure of eight knot with stopper knots and tail. • OR Double figure of eight knot with stopper knots and tail, and attached to the DMM 'bridge' using a 'belay master'. 	Discuss with VERTEX 15/16 Apr 2019
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 continues to re-check harness throughout the session particularly if removed or adjusted by the group member. • Instructor to check the correct sizing and fitting of harness. • Instructor the tighten maillon with spanner to attach the DMM bridge. 	
EQUIPMENT FAILURE	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All running gear to be logged and stored in a safe and dry place. • All other equipment to be checked before use. • Session leader to check rope before drawing equipment. 	
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. 	Discuss with VERTEX 15/16 April 2019

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary