

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

CLIMBING/ABSEILING

HAZARD	AT RISK	DEGREE OF RISK	ACTION TO CONTROL RISK	COMMENTS
FALLING FROM EDGE	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasise risk during pre-session briefing. Safety rope will be used at all times. • No group member will climb above 1 metre without a safety rope. • Ensure good group control throughout session. • Ensure Instructor numbers sufficient to staff both bottom and top of climbing wall. • Ensure that all group members are appropriately supervised at all times. 	
FALLING WHILST ON ABSEIL	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear concise briefing. • Use safety rope with approved system. • Total concentration on part of Instructor. 	

FALLING OUT OF HARNESS	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to check fitting of harness. • Instructor to check all buckles are in the closed position at the start and during the session. 	
EQUIPMENT FAILURE	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other equipment to be checked prior to session. • Good practice to be employed in relation to belaying systems. • Anchors to be check in appliance within operational procedures and logged. • Instructor to use the ropes on the rotational system and check them before use. 	
EQUIPMENT JAM	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that hair and clothing will not interfere with the abseiling device. Remove all loose jewellery. • Ensure Abseil rope is always set up as a releasable system. 	
GENERAL INJURIES	CLIENT INSTRUCTOR	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure appropriate footwear being worn. • Instructor First Aid qualified. 	

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary