



Risk Assessment	LOW ROPES	Date of risk assessment	1 June 2021	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	David Sowden	Date for review	31 May 2022
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Severity	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Inappropriate running of the activity	All	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity leaders are to have site specific Low Ropes Awareness Training. Activity leaders to ensure enough supervision is in place to monitor all aspects of the low ropes area for the size of the participating group. Safety briefing given at start of session. Instructors to be mindful of the weather conditions and consider ending the session should the equipment become wet and slippery. 	
Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment	All	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good group management and monitoring of all aspects of the Low Ropes area required by activity leader. Participants to be briefed in the introduction on uneven terrain and trip hazards. Appropriate footwear to be worn. Helmets to be worn for the duration of the activity. Demonstration of good spotting technique, participants spotting people of a similar size to themselves. Have participant's clean mud from shoes provided. Ensure shoelaces are tied securely. 	
Injury to participant(s) and instructor(s)	All	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable clothing for weather conditions. If weather conditions are not conducive to safe sessions, limit time/change activity or reschedule. 	



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Participants' behaviour	All	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If in the opinion of the instructor the behaviour of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session will be stopped and the person or persons causing concern removed. • No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be allowed on the activity site. 	
Strains and Sprains/Injury	All	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety briefing, warm up and stretching exercises prior to starting the activity. • Demonstrate good technique, ongoing monitoring, and good group management to be maintained by activity leader. 	
Condition of the activity	All	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment inspected prior to and after use and monitored during session. • Damaged equipment to be reported. • Participants shown how to correctly use equipment including manual handling. • Monitor correct usage throughout activity. 	
Unauthorised use	All	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Ropes to remain locked when not in use 	
Covid	All	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government and scouting guidelines to be followed. • All to sanitize hands at the start and end of session as a minimum. • Helmets to be wiped as appropriate 	