

Girlguiding Risk Assessment



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| Site: | Foxlease | Assessment No. | FX/ABS |
| Assessor | Ivan Hall | Description of Building or Area | Abseil tower and fenced compound |
| Date of Assessment | 04/01/2017 | | |
| Task/Activity/Process/Equipment | Abseiling | | |
| Technical Advisor (if applicable) | | Equipment used (if applicable) | Harnesses, ropes, helmets - etc. |
| Persons Name (If Applicable to vulnerable Groups etc) | | | |
| When Identifying HAZARDS consider: | | | |
| a) The Task (Who, What, Where, When, How) | | | |
| b) The environment (temperature, noise, lighting, dust, fumes) | | | |
| c) Materials, Equipment, and Substances (machinery, tools, chemicals, etc) | | | |

| RA REF No. | Hazard | Description of potential accident/injury/loss | Persons affected | Precautions/Controls already in place | Risk Rating Factor=SxL | | | Further control measures required? | Action By Whom | To be completed by (Date) |
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| | | | | | Severity | Likelihood | Factor | | | |
| ABS | Falling off the Top of the tower | Falling off the top of the tower without correctly fitting PPE and being attached to the tower will cause serious body injuries or death. | Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants. | Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC Instructors follow the Safe Operating Procedures, clipping in when on top of the tower via the safety lines fixed in place. All participants are clipped in to a safety line when on top of the tower. Participants are briefed about the waiting area near the top and being clipped in to a safety line whilst at the top of the tower. | 5 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| ABS | Being hit by falling objects | Items falling from the top of the tower causing potential head and serious injuries. | Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants. | All people inside the compound (fenced off area) to wear a correctly fitting helmet. The Instructor to enforced this all the way through the session. | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| ABS | Equipment failure | Unchecked equipment means a potential failure, serious injuries or death. | Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants. | All equipment that is used is pre checked during the activity set up. Checked on a Recorded Monthly inspection and correctly stored after use. | 5 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| ABS | Falling Up/Down Stairs | Running up or down the stairs could result in any person getting cuts, bruises, breaks, contusion, concussion or serious body injuries. | Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants. | All people are briefed about walking up and down the stairs. Is enforced throughout the session. The handrail can be used for extra stability. | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| ABS | Incorrectly fitted equipment | Equipment not correctly fitted. A loose harness rubbing against the skin or sliding down the waist. The helmet moving back and the forehead hits the tower causing a concussion or asphyxia from the helmet strap | Instructors and Participants | Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC Instructors to follow the Safe Operating Procedures, Qualified instructors to check all equipment is correctly fitted in line with their training and the Safe Operating Procedures. | 5 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| ABS | Injury from poor instructions | Participants getting rope burn from the descent rope. Participant slipping and banging their knees causing minor injuries. | Participants | Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC. The Instructor has control of the safety line to ensure the participants does not descend down to fast and can stop the participant to allow them to get back to their feet. Sessions are monitored to ensure safety briefs are clear, correct and are understood by the participants. | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| ABS | Unauthorised use of equipment | Unauthorised use can result in death if the equipment is not set up or used correctly | Unauthorised user | A fence surrounds the tower area. The Instructor locks the area when they leave. | 5 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| This Risk Assessment work in conjunction with the Generic Risk Assessment (FX/GEN) and the Activities Safe Operating Procedures | | | | | | | | | | |