

Girlguiding Risk Assessment

Site:	Foxlease	Assessment No.	FX/ABS
Assessor	Christopher Whitewood	Description of Building or Area	Abseil tower and fenced compound
Date of Assessment	06/05/2019		
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)
					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 lanyards fixed in place. All participants are clipped in to a safety lanyards 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 enforce this all the way through the session. To the best of the instructors ability, no unattached objects to be taken up the tower. Ensure shoes are attached sufficiently.	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. The tower is also checked by a trained ropes course professional yearly.	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 must 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. To be continually assessed throughout the session.	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 too fast and can stop the participant to allow them to get back to their feet. Sessions are observed on a regular basis by a member of the senior team, 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 6ft fence surrounds the tower area. The Instructor locks the tower and the fenced 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