

## Girlguiding Risk Assessment

Site:	Foxlease	Assessment No.	FX / HIR
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Assessor	Christopher Whitewood	Description of Building or Area	High Ropes Course up by Katherine Wilson Campsite
Date of Assessment	06/05/2019		
Task/Activity/Process/Equipment	High Ropes		
Technical Advisor (if applicable)			
Persons Name (If Applicable to)		Equipment used (if applicable)	Helmets, harnesses, ropes 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			Further control measures required?	Action By Whom	To be completed by (Date)
					Severity	Likelihood	Factor			
HIR	Being hit by falling objects	Tree branches etc. could cause cuts / grazes or concussion.	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. A visual inspection for any dead wood and of the element is conducted during the pre-use check at the beginning of every operating day.	3	1	3			
HIR	Falling off the high ropes	Not secured / Incorrectly attached to the safety rope can cause cuts / grazes and potential death.	Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants.	Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC or to hold the relevant qualification and be assessed by the SI/DM. Instructors to follow the Standard Operating Procedures, climbers to be correctly attached to the safety rope.	5	1	5			
HIR	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 the recorded monthly inspection and correctly stored after use.	5	1	5			
HIR	Slipping off the high ropes elements	slipping on / off wet beams can cause bruising, cuts, grazes and potential body injuries.	Unauthorised user, Instructors and Participants.	Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC or to hold the relevant qualification and be assessed by the SI/DM. The Instructor to give a clear brief about the slippery sections and to follow the Standard Operating Procedures, ensuring climbers are correctly attached to the safety rope.	4	1	4			
HIR	Incorrectly fitted equipment	Equipment not correctly fitted. A loose harness rubbing against the skin or sliding down the waist. The helmet moving backwards, 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 or to hold the relevant qualification and be assessed by the SI/DM. Instructors to follow the Standard Operating Procedures, technically competent instructors to check all equipment is correctly fitted in line with their training and the Standard Operating Procedures.	4	1	4			

HIR	Incorrect belaying	Participants getting rope burn when lowering off the climber. Participant slipping and banging their knees causing minor injuries.	Participants, Unauthorised user	Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC or to hold the relevant qualification and be assessed by the SI/DM. The Instructor has control of the belay rope when lowering, to ensure the participants does not descend down too fast and can stop the participant to allow the area below to be clear. The Instructor ensures that the group is belaying correctly in line with Standard Operating Produces. Sessions are regularly observed by the SI and/or DM to ensure safety briefs are clear, correct and are understood by the participants.	2	1	2		
HIR	Injury from poor instructions	Participants getting rope burn when lowering off the climber. Participant slipping and banging their knees causing minor injuries.	Participants	Instructors are Assessed by an MIA or MIC or to hold the relevant qualification and be assessed by the SI/DM. The Instructor has control of the safety line when lowering to ensure the participants does not descend down too fast and can stop the participant to allow the area below to be clear. Sessions are regularly observed by the SI and/or DM to ensure safety briefs are clear, correct and are understood by the participants.	2	1	2		
HIR	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 area. The Instructor locks the area when they leave. No equipment is left in the area when not in use.	5	1	5		
This Risk Assessment work in conjunction with the Generic Risk Assessment (FX/GEN) and the Activities Standard Operating Procedures									