

Risk Assessment – Outdoor Team Building

Hazard?	Who may be at Risk?	Risk		Control Measure
		Likelihood	Consequence	
Weather				
General	Group			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to check the weather forecast at the start of the day prior to the programme commencing
Cold and/or wet	Group	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to check that all participants have suitable clothing prior to commencing the activity
Sun	Group	H	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator must ensure that they make the group aware of the dangers relating to the sun Facilitator to ensure that the group have suitable clothing, e.g. long sleeves, trousers and sun hat
Lightning and/or storms	Group	L	VH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators are not to run this session in any serious storm If caught out during a lightning storm, then the facilitator must cease the activity immediately and seek appropriate shelter with advice from hosts
High winds	Group	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to monitor weather and suspend or cancel session when wind conditions result in the safety of participants being affected
Terrain				
Slips/trips and falls	Group	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators to brief participants about specific trip hazards prior to entering activity area All trip hazards that cannot be removed, are to be made highly visible, access restricted and edges softened
Equipment				
Slips on wet apparatus	Participants	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators to brief participants on taking care on wet equipment as appropriate, prior to commencing the activity
Strangulation (Roped and spider web elements)	Participants	VL	VH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to brief participants on safe technique prior to attempting spider web or tasks with roped elements Facilitator to monitor Group closely during attempts at tasks where strangulation could occur to ensure safe technique is followed
Misuse of equipment (Planks, ropes, etc.)	Group	VL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators are to brief all participants on how to use equipment safely prior to commencing the session Facilitator to be vigilant during the session and ensure safety rules are being followed
Fall from apparatus	Participants	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to brief participants on safe technique prior to attempting tasks with high elements Facilitator to monitor Group closely during attempts at tasks with high elements to ensure safe technique is followed
Structural failure	All	L	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to carry out visual inspection of all apparatus prior to commencing the activity Facilitator must complete a fit-to-use form prior to the session commencing
Splinters	Participants	VL	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to visibly check the apparatus for splintered wood prior to each activity session All damaged wood must be repaired, protected or padded before allowing Group to take part Facilitators to check the all problem solving elements before the session commences
Participants dropped whilst being carried	Participants	L	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators to brief participants in how to carry other participants safely Facilitator to monitor Group closely during carrying operations to ensure safe technique is being followed
Grazes and scratches	Participants	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to ensure participants are appropriately dressed prior to commencing the activity, e.g. long trousers, long sleeves and sturdy footwear
Hair, clothing or jewellery trapped in equipment/apparatus	Participants	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators are to brief all participants to tuck away loose clothing and long hair prior to commencing the activity Facilitators are to brief participants to remove all jewellery including watches prior to commencing the activity and ensure that this is kept in a safe place with accompanying adult/teacher Facilitator to visually check every participant prior to commencing each new element to ensure compliance
Other				
Inappropriate contact	Participants	L	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators to brief participants on how to hold/carry other participants appropriately for each element Facilitator to ensure they personally follow rules on inappropriate contact when supervising sessions

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