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## Ashworth Valley **Abseiling Tower** risk assessment.

Hazard	People at risk	Control measures	Review
Normal hazards associated with Abseiling (i.e. falls from height, impact with something solid)	All involved in the session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sessions to be run using techniques laid out in the procedure notes.</li> <li>All Instructor staff must have passed the in-house training and assessment or hold a valid Permit.</li> <li>Personal protective equipment must be used at all times.</li> <li>Abseiling compound area covered with rubber crumb in order to absorb impact of fall.</li> </ol>	
Risk of falling.	climber	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants warned of danger during briefing.</li> <li>Participants to be provided with helmets and checked for proper fitting by instructor.</li> <li>Ensure there is no slack in the rope during Abseiling.</li> </ol>	
Sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions.	All involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms.</li> <li>Slippery wet ropes should be replaced with dry ropes from the store after rain has stopped.</li> </ol>	
Unauthorised Abseiling	Intruders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If ropes are left in situ for another group, the compound must be locked until handover.</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Overcrowding Disorderly behaviour.	All involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum ratio will be 1:8 per instructor within the rope system and a maximum of 12 within the compound.</li> <li>A group leader must be present with the instructor during sessions.</li> <li>If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous the activity must be ended.</li> </ol>	
Equipment failure	Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment to be inspected and logged in accordance with the inspection and replacement policy. Dedicated Volunteer to frequently monitor defect log and effect repair or replacement.</li> </ol>	

**All Government & Scout Association current Covid Restrictions Must be adhered to at all Times**

Review's to be completed minimum annually or after an incident with instructor's dynamic reviews deemed necessary during activity. Operating procedures must be observed at all times and usage log filled in. If insufficient space for review use back of this form.