

Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite

Climbing Risk Assessment



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<u>Location of tower</u>	Main carpark

What are the Risks	Who are at Risk	Control Measures	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Further Action
Slips, Trips and Falls	All	<p>Areas used for Activity</p> <p>To be checked by Instructor prior to commencement of Activity and all removable trip hazards removed. Instructor to brief Participants of the rules.</p>	Low	Low	None
Normal hazards associated with Climbing (i.e. falls from height, impact with something solid)	All	<p>Sessions to be run in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures.</p> <p>All instructors must hold a valid Scout Climbing Permit.</p> <p>Personal protection equipment must be worn at all times</p> <p>Climbing area covered with rubber crumb in order to absorb impact.</p>	Low	Low	None
Risk of falling	Climber	<p>Participants warned of dangers during briefing given by Instructor</p> <p>Participants to be equipped with harness and helmet properly fitted by Instructor</p> <p>Ensure there is no slack in the rope during participants climbing</p> <p>Warn all participants that hand or foot holds may spin.</p>	Low	Low	None

Behaviour of Participants	All	<p>The maximum number of 8 per Instructor within the rope system and 24 within the compound.</p> <p>A group leader must be present with the Instructor at all times</p> <p>If inappropriate behaviour from members of the group. The Instructor will abandon the activity due to safety.</p>	Low	Low	None
Unauthorised use of equipment	Possible intruders	<p>If the ropes are to be left in situ for the next group, the compound must be locked and secured until handover</p>	Low	Low	None
Equipment Failure	All	<p>All equipment to be inspected prior to and after the activity.</p> <p>All defective equipment to be logged and reported via the sites reporting procedure.</p> <p>Dedicated Volunteer to regularly monitor defect log and effect repair or replacement</p>	Low	Low	None
Environmental Factors	All	<p>Instructor to be aware of the weather conditions and all activities to be cancelled/postponed if weather conditions are deemed to endanger the safety of Participants.</p> <p>i.e., heavy rain, strong wind, lightning, etc.</p> <p>If activity resumed after wet conditions, wet ropes must be replaced with dry ropes before resuming activity</p>	Medium	Low	Monitor

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