

Generic Off ground Activity Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment of: Generic Off Ground Activities

Date: 03rd May 2022

Location for Activity: All off ground bases

Centre: Woodhouse Park

Completed by: Sam Plummer-Burgin

Review Date: May 2023

This document should be used in conjunction with the site-specific risk assessments for individual off ground activities.

Severity Factor & Remaining Risk Assessment

Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
Low	Minor injury requiring no treatment, or simple first aid.	Control measures have reduced the severity and/or likelihood of occurrence to minimal levels.
Medium	Injury would require the participant to stop continuing the activity; medical treatment is beyond the skills of a basic first aider.	Control measures have reduced severity and/or likelihood to an adequate level but hazard still requires dynamic risk assessment and conscious consideration.
High	Injury would require expert medical attention and/or result in fatality.	Control measures are not sufficient to reduce the severity or likelihood to an acceptable level.

Hazards	Who may be harmed?	Foreseeable Severity	Control Measures in Place	Residual Risk
Injury caused by fall from height	Participants	High	Instructors are trained and assessed by competent persons. Instructor safety system is in place to protect them from a fall. Approved safety systems and procedures are in place to protect participants and ensure they are always safeguarded from falling, including safe routes and PPE. Participants are briefed and shown at the start of the session the process of the activity. The safety briefing includes explaining a waiting area to the group.	Low



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Injury caused failure of equipment/ base/ surroundings, including objects falling from height	Anyone in vicinity	Medium	All participants and instructors will wear a helmet throughout the activity. Activity will be set up in line with activity procedure document including functional checks before use. Participants are told to remove all objects from their pockets at the start of the session. All safety equipment is inspected on a daily, monthly and annual basis with appropriate records kept. All structures, trees and anchor bolts are checked on an annual basis by a competent person.	Low
Slips and trips caused by uneven surfaces	Anyone in vicinity	Low	Careful consideration of route to and from the activity and make participants aware of any hazards within base area. All unused equipment and ropes are kept tidy or away in the appropriate store. Participants are instructed to wear appropriate footwear with no open toe or slip-on shoes.	Low
Injury caused by entrapment, including strangulation	Participants	High	At the start of the session, participants are instructed to tie long hair back and remove any dangling jewellery from their ears or around their necks or wrists. All loose items of clothing are removed. Participants are briefed to keep their hands low away from belay devices. All harnesses are checked when they are put on and again before the participant completes the activity.	Low

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			Ropes are checked so as not to cause injury through strangulation.	
Injury resulting from unsupervised use of equipment	Anyone in vicinity	High	Where possible operational equipment is removed or made inaccessible when not supervised. Visual deterrents used where deemed to benefit – e.g. signage, fences, etc.	Low
Injury resulting from participation in the activity	Participants	Medium	Participants are fully briefed in how to be safe during the activity and this will be monitored by the instructor throughout the activity. All staff are first aid trained. All activities have a first aid kit and a radio nearby to contact help.	Low



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Injury resulting from environmental/weather conditions	Entire group	Medium	Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms. If thunder is heard or lightening seen, then the activity should stop immediately. The activity may continue 30 minutes after the last thunder was heard. If high winds occur, then the Lead instructor's ongoing risk assessment and judgement will decide whether to continue or put a stop to the session. Staff and participants should have suitable clothing during the activity. Staff should be vigilant for signs of foreseeable conditions related to the weather conditions and take appropriate action – e.g. hypothermia, dehydration.	Low
Injury caused by participant misbehaving	Entire group	Low	Instructor provides a comprehensive safety briefing to all members of the group including the basic rules and expectations of them during the activity. The adult or leader with the group is responsible for the group's behaviour whilst they are on the session.	Low
Risk of equipment failure due to weight	Anyone in the vicinity.	High	Maximum weight limit of <u>18 stone (120kg)</u> for off ground activities. This will be communicated to customers through pre-arrival information.	Low
Use of Off Ground Activities at Night	Anyone in the vicinity.	Medium	The instructor must conduct an additional check to ensure the activity is well lit using additional lighting before starting the activity. Instructor will ensure that the waiting area is lit so the group is visible to them No activity without additional lighting should be used in hours of darkness without an additional RA being completed.	Low
Hazards	Who may be harmed?	Foreseeable Severity	Control Measures in Place	Residual Risk
			In case of light failure the instructor should carry an additional source of light to provide visibility whilst lowering all participants immediately to the floor	

