



Risk Assessment Form

Deer Park, Cowley



Activity: Low Ropes						Date: 01/04/2019 Review: April 2020	
Reviewed by: Sarah Crocombe/Helen Welsh Position: Centre Manager				Numbers Participants	9-12	Sections: Brownies/Guides/Senior Section/leaders	
Consent for Activity required: Yes			Venue: Girlguiding Gloucestershire HQ Deer Park, Cowley, Cheltenham GL53 9NJ		Type of instructor qualifications required: Onsite training		
Hazard	Who is affected?	Who is responsible? (S site manager) (I instructor) (L unit leaders)	What controls are in place?	Risk level (L/M/H)	Are further controls necessary?	Action by & date	Review by & date
Falling	Participants	I	Safety Helmet compulsory. Demonstrate and enforce safest way to cross. Restrict numbers on platforms. Instructor 'spots' where appropriate. No swinging or bouncing. Platforms no higher than 1 Meter On the up and over section of equipment ensure participants are in middle of rope and one at a time.	M	All groups are with adult leader who can additionally see if any participants helmets have moved due to head scratching, playing with clips etc.	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Slips & Trips	Participants	I (with S)	Cancel activity if platforms icy/too slippery (mud and rain).	L	Ensure all participants are wearing appropriate foot wear	01/04/2019	01/04/2020

Muscle/ joint injuries	Participants	I	Maximum number of 6 Brownies/5 Guides/Senior Section/Adults participants on any single element at same time. Demonstrate correct way to hold ropes. Check for any injuries etc before starting.	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Injury from pocket contents	Participants and Instructors	I	Instructors to ensure all participants have empty pockets	L	Group leaders to help ensure all pockets empty and contents kept safe for participant	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Ropes detach from frames.	Participants	I	Instructor checks fastenings prior to activity. Fastenings locked in place.	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Tripping	Everyone	I + L	Suitable footwear - ensure shoes laces are done up Visual inspection of area around and between element for rabbit holes, mole hills and debris	L	Group leaders should point out and help out where needed to tie laces etc.	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Tripping over ropes and obstacles on completion of course	Everyone	I	Set team task to return to starting point, walking and not crossing or touching any part of the course	L	Group leaders can point out and help out where needed	01/04/2019	01/04/2020

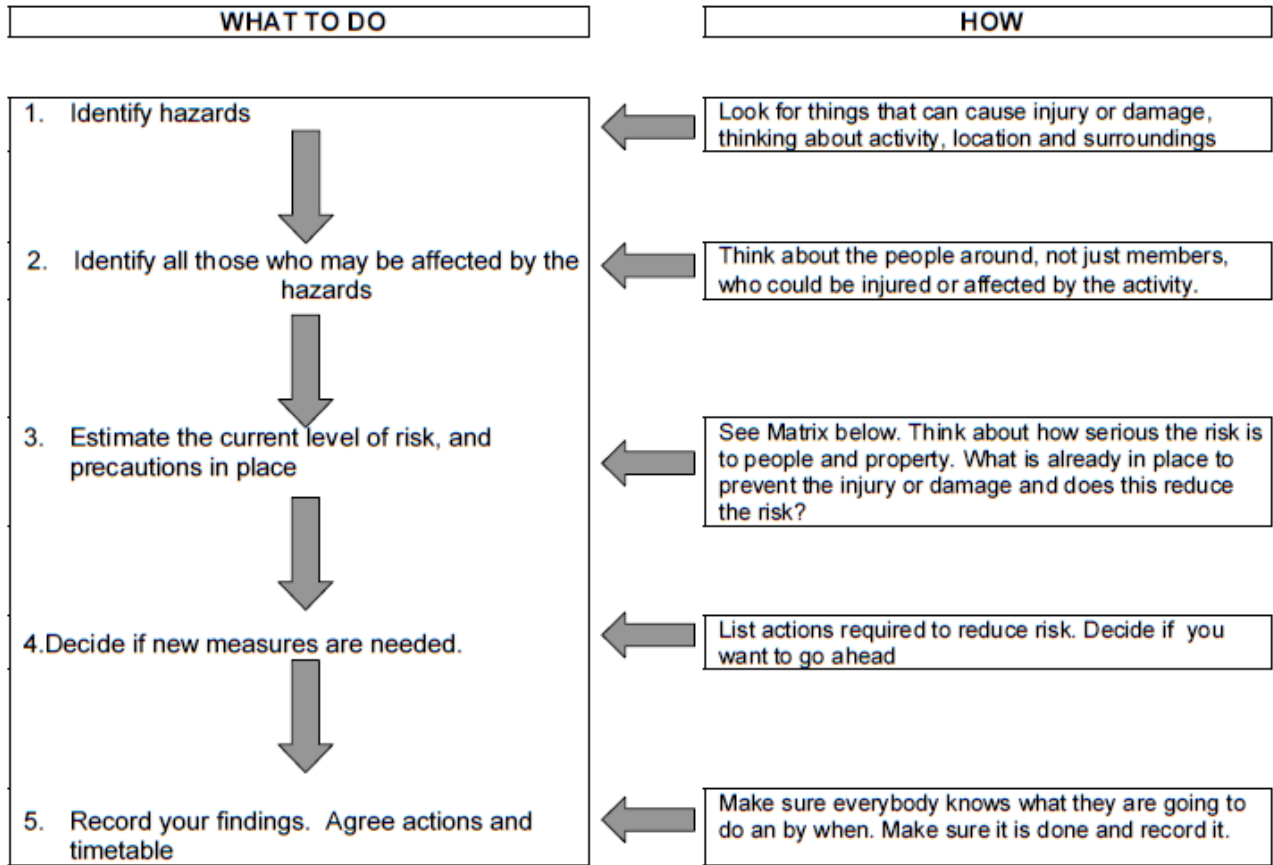
Strangle and Dislocation	Participants	I	Do not allow accessories (skipping ropes) to be placed around neck, ensure buckets etc are not hung around arms/shoulders. Suitable Clothing - hoody tassles and neckers to be tucked in or removed.	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Injuries from netting/ropes	Participants	I	Cargo netting briefing on crawling rather than walking over, instructor underneath Pointing out elements where rope burns might happen and importance of lifting hands one at a time rather than sliding them along		Leaders may be asked to assist on elements where girls are more nervous of going over elements with space below	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Head/face injuries	Participants		Ensure danger is explained before platform element	L	Group leaders should not contradict instructor briefings	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Dropping Participants	Participants		On spiders web and tyre elements show participants correct procedure of lifting (superwoman) and ensure enough lifters and receivers. Large If using top row - 2 lifters and 2 receivers, other wise 2 lifters and 1 receiver Small Use 2 lifters and 2 receivers	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020

Broken Fingers	Participants		Ensure no interlocking fingers throughout (particularly on parallel wires, spiders web, tires)	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Trapped Feet	Participants Everyone		See-saw - ensure everyone is at least half metre away from the element in particular the ends. Cross Ropes - Ensure the correct feet crossing in the middle	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Being launched or shocked on the see-saw	Participants		Ensure all participants get on and off from the end of the see-saw, one at a time walking to the left end (looking at bridle path) one after each other	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
General risk of injury to those with special needs or less able participants	Participants		Adapt rules to ensure the activity is inclusive and safe for all	L	Ensure they have an additional dedicated leader	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Falling Backwards	Participants		Ensure participants are facing the same way	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Falling through ropes	Participants		Blue diverging rope element - assess height and physical condition of participants and give the group x many free passes to the other side	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020

Moving beam element - beam catches leg	Everyone		Ensure everyone is at least a metre away from the ends of the element, maximum of 1 person on each moving beam.	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Adverse weather conditions	Everyone		Weather monitored Activity stopped during thunder storms Stepping stone logs should not be used unless they are dry and instructor considers the girls are capable of using them safely (very small Brownies may struggle)	L		01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Equipment or Construction Failure	Participants	S I I	Regular checks and maintenance. Annual RoSPA check Visual checks prior to every use Any broken or unsafe elements must be immediately reported to site manager and	L	If anyone sees any element which appears unstable or has frayed ropes etc. they should mention this to the instructor	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
Unsafe elements	All	S+I	Unsafe elements should be marked with Hazard tape and MUST NOT BE USED	H		01/04/2019	01/04/2020

Wasps	All	I	A check for the presence of wasp nests should be done prior to any element being used. Any evidence of a nest should be reported to the site manager on completion of the activity	M	If appropriate avoid the element inquestion	01/04/2019	01/04/2020
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RISK MANAGEMENT



RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

	Severity	Slight Harm	Harmful
		superficial injuries, minor cuts and bruises	minor fractures, ill health leading to minor disability
Likelihood			Extremely Harmful
UNLIKELY Rarely happens		LOW	multiple injuries, major fractures, fatalities
LIKELY Often happens		LOW	LOW
VERY LIKELY Nearly always happens		MEDIUM	MEDIUM
		MEDIUM	HIGH
		HIGH	HIGH