



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Climbing Risk Assessment

Activity: Climbing Tower		Date of Assessment: 02.03.2015			Review Date: As required			
Assessors Name: Barry Goswell		Assessor's Signature:			Date Signed:			
Activity/Hazard	Who is at risk	Before Control Measures			Existing Control Measures	After Control Measures		
		Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-4	Risk Rating		Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-4	Risk Rating
Falls from Height								
Equipment failure – Tower	Operator s & clients	1	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tower & area should be visually inspected before each use •On a monthly basis (when in use) a Scaffolding Safety Tag should be obtained from an independent certified inspector 	1	4	4
Equipment failure – harnesses & rope etc	Operator s & clients	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All equipment should be inspected by the instructor before, during & after use •An equipment inventory & usage log should be maintained & updated •The Warden & Climbing advisor should review the log & replace equipment when required 	1	4	4
Fall whilst climbing	Operator s & clients	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Safety talk •Max group size of 12 •Person in charge of the tower MUST hold a Scout Adventurous Activity Climbing Permit or Single Pitch Award (SPA) or Climbing Wall Award (CWA). •Belayers must be deemed competent by the Site Warden and/or the person in charge of 	1	4	4

					<p>the tower for the session. They do not need to hold a permit but must be supervised by the person who does.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Climbers must wear correct harness for size and weight & a safety helmet •Climbers must connect to safety rope (no free climbing) controlled by a belayer which is connected to the belayer or anchor point •Belayer must connect to an anchor point if climber is similar weight or heavier than them •No climbing in heavy rain 			
Setting up top rope inc climbing ladder	Operator s & clients	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Helmet & harness should be worn •Visually inspect ladders before climbing •Whilst working on the top platform, Crew should connect harness to the tower via safety rope •No climbing in heavy rain •Physical barriers in place & well defined area away from public 	1	4	4
Slips & Trips								
Trips – ropes	Operator s & clients	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ropes, including excess, should be stored in the orange bags or hanked 	1	2	2
Trips – equipment	Operator s & clients	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Equipment stored in black holdalls when not in use •Tower area kept tidy 	1	2	2
Lighting								
Risks increase in as light reduces	Operator s and	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tower should not be used during or after dusk unless 	1	4	4

	clients				adequate lighting is setup. Artificial light must not cause glare for belayer or climber •Adequate time should be allowed to take down the top rope before darkness			
Accidents & First Aid								
Accidents, general	Operators and clients	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All Site Crew have Scout First Response training or equivalent. •First aid box taken to activity or readily available •All Site Crew aware of site emergency plan and carry a walkie talkie 	1	2	2
Hit by falling object	Operators & clients	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Helmets must be worn by ALL people inside the fenced area •Only those climbing are allowed in the fenced area 	1	3	3
Hair or clothing caught in safety equipment	Operator & Client	1	1	1	•Tie back\up hair & remove or tuck in loose clothing prior to climb.	1	1	1
Getting caught in loose rope	Operator & Client	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make sure ropes are tied properly •Make sure loose ropes are neatly coiled out of way 	1	1	1
Cut feet	Operator & Client	1	2	2	•Participants must wear shoes or trainers	1	1	1
Sunburn	Operators & clients	1	3	3	•Sun cream and appropriate clothing to be worn	1	1	1
Child Protection								
Child Protection	Operators and clients	1	3	3	All Site Crew are DBS cleared & work to the Scout Assoc "Yellow Card" NSPCC approved policy Minimum of two young people with each adult (never one child	1	3	3

					with one adult) Whenever possible, two adults per activity group Separate toilets & showers available for children & adults With the exception of the designated public footpath, EVERYONE on site should have an orange wristband. Immediately report anyone not wearing one to a Crew member. If children are on site, any non-DBS'ed adults, e.g. maintenance engineers, should be accompanied by a DBS cleared adult			
Personal Safety								
Physical & Verbal abuse	Operators and clients	1	3	3	Physical & verbal abuse will not be tolerated. After a polite warning, the "abuser" will be asked to leave the activity, If necessary, after consultation with the Duty Warden, the "abuser" will be asked to leave the Site	1	3	3
Trespassing	Operators and clients	1	3	3	Trespassing is usually unintentional so the person(s) should be asked politely to leave If they refuse to leave, a 999 call to the Police should be made immediately DO NOT attempt to remove the person or put yourself in danger	1	3	3

The areas below were considered and weren't deemed a risk at the time of the assessment:

Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre

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Manual Handling
Control of Hazardous Substances
Display Screen Equipment

Fire Safety
Plant and Machinery
Food Hygiene

Electrical Safety
Hazardous Buildings/Glazing
Gas Safety