



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Traversing Wall Assessment

Activity: Traversing Wall		Date of Assessment: 01.09.2015			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								
Fall whilst Traversing	Operators & clients	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Safety talk at handover •Max group size of 12, only 6 people traversing at any time •Minimum of 1, preferably 2 adults (esp younger groups) to monitor group •Clients should be aware of instruction folder •Climbers must wear a correctly fitted safety helmet •Climber's feet should NOT be above the red 1m line •Leader or other climbers to 'spot' for less confident climbers. ('Spotting' is following a climber around the wall. The spotter stands close to the back of the climber, braced to catch them if necessary) •Physical barriers in place & well defined area away from public 	2	2	4
Equipment failure – Wall	Operators & clients	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wall & area should be visually inspected before each session •Complete check of holds on a quarterly basis 	1	3	3

Equipment failure – Helmets	Operators & clients	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All helmets should be inspected by the instructor before, during & after use 	1	2	2
Weather conditions	Operators & clients	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wall has covering roof but still open & exposed to extreme weather •Users & site manager should monitor weather & stop session if required 	1	2	2
Unauthorised use of wall	Operators & clients	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Compound is fenced with a locked gate, ensure locked at end of sessions •Key is secure in site office/Crew hut •Group leaders and Crew to monitor site users 	1	3	3
Slips & Trips								
Trips – equipment	Operators & clients	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Helmets stored on pegs or in black holdalls when not in use •Wall area kept tidy, coats & bags on or under bench 	1	2	2
Lighting								
Risks increase in as light reduces	Operators and clients	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensure lights are switched on during or after dusk 	1	3	3
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	1	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Helmets must be worn by ALL people inside the fenced area •Only those traversing are 	1	3	3

					allowed in the fenced area			
Cut feet	Operator & Clients	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 & 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 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	1	3	3
Personal Safety								
Physical & Verbal abuse	Operators & 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 & 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
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The areas below were considered and were not deemed a risk at the time of the assessment:

Manual Handling	Fire Safety	Electrical Safety
Control of Hazardous Substances	Plant and Machinery	Hazardous Buildings/Glazing
Display Screen Equipment	Food Hygiene	Gas Safety