

Skreens Park Activity Centre – Risk Assessment - Abseiling

Date of assessment: 12/18    Review Date: 12/19  
 Location: Climbing tower (on site)  
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**This document consists of 2 pages**

Severity 0 – 10, Likelihood 0 -10, Rating 0 - 100  
 0 being the lowest possible value  
 Rating = Likelihood X Severity  
**All Hazards should fall within the adequately controlled category or lower.**

Hazard	At risk	Control measures	Severity	Likelihood	Rating	Further Action
Slips, trips and falls	All	Group control. Group instructed to be careful when moving around site.	4	3	12	Adequately Controlled
Horseplay	All	Activity to be supervised by a instructor, leader or Responsible adults. Session to be stopped if behaviour prevents the instructor effectively supervising the group.	6	2	12	Adequately Controlled
Falling form height	All	Instructors are assessed to the Scout Climbing permit level or the Girl Guide level 1 permit by a Climbing and abseiling assessor with a minimum qualification of MIA. As well as site specific training by chief instructor or another suitably qualified member of staff with a minimum qualification of SPA. All personnel using the wall must use correctly fitting helmet and harness. Participants descent controlled by instructor via safety rope. Anyone on the top platform must be secured to a safety system	10	2	20	Adequately controlled
Objects falling from above	All	Helmets worn by everyone in the compound. Participants advised to tie shoelaces and empty pockets before putting on a harness.	3	4	12	Adequately controlled
Equipment failure	All	All equipment checked by instructors prior to use. And also checked and logged monthly. All equipment usage is logged and all harnesses and Ropes are replaced after a max of 5 years Tower to be inspected annually by manufacturer	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Adverse Weather Conditions	All	Activity stopped during Electrical Storms, Heavy Rain and High Winds	8	1	8	Trivial Risk
Inverting on decent	Participants	Correctly fitting harness and chest harness will be used	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Body clothing Entrapment	Participants	Long hair tied back loose fitting clothing removed. Rings and jewellery to be removed Correct descent technique described by instructor. Instructors trained in Releasable abseil and rescue techniques.	6	2	8	Trivial Risk
	Participants		3	4	12	

Contact with wall during descent		Correct technique described by instructor. Instructors trained in rescue techniques.				Adequately Controlled
Rope burn	Participants	Instructor to control descent via safety rope. Participants given gloves	3	3	9	Trivial Risk

Rating:	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10	Code
Action:	Immediate action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further investigation	Adequately controlled	Trivial risk	RA11a