

Risk Assessment – CLIMBING – AUTOMATIC BELAY TOWER



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Purpose: The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Team are exposed and to identify appropriate control measures.

Scope: The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp

Related Documents:	<p>Generic Risk Assessments</p> <p>RCSC/Act030 - Supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site</p> <p>POR</p> <p>Rule 9 – Activities Rule 7.2 - Emergency Procedures Rule 7.4 – Accident Reporting</p> <p>Fact sheets</p> <p>FS120075 - InTouch FS120000 – Activities - Risk Assessment FS120088 – Weather Forecasts in Outdoor Activities</p> <p>Other</p>
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Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)				
	Harness	Suitable Footwear	Suitable Clothing	

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It is the duty of all members to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times members must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

Important Note: It is the duty of all members under Regulation 14 of the “Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999” to inform the ‘employer’, i.e. Campsite Manager, RCSC Team of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment

Minimum Leader Competence	Adult Scout Member	Minimum Assistant Competence	In House assessed
Activity Length Time	1 hour & 30 Mins	Minimum Age of Participants	6 + Years

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Task Element	Hazard and harmful effect	Likelihood Info	Initial risk level			Control measures to reduce likelihood	Controlled risk level		
			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL
Climbing on Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Automatic Belay Tower – maintenance/checking of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment failure Damaged equipment leading to injury if used 	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All harnesses will be checked by a competent person on a regular basis as advised by the manufacturer. All Lines to be checked for retraction, if any fail the retraction test, then lock the line up and do not use for the session and report to the Campsite Manager All pre-activity checklists to be retained for a period of 6 months, held in the Tower Container, compiled in a logbook. After the period it is then relocated to the Camp Office and held for a period of 5 years. Harnesses which are frayed, have split webbing, split stitching or any other damage need to be placed in a quarantine box and inform the Campsite Manager. Competent persons will carry out inspections of equipment and activity site prior to and after use and ensure it is returned to the activity store. All equipment will be stored in an appropriate manner after use. Defects will be reported to the Campsite Manager. 	4	2	8

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Climbing on Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Automatic Belay Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips, Trips, falls within climbing area 	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Including Members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorised instructors only to run/supervise activity. Maximum of 4 persons to be supervised by instructor. Suitable footwear to be worn by each person climbing. Full instruction to be given to each person prior to climbing. Loose clothing to be removed or tied back Long hair to be tied up. An adult or leader must supervise young people waiting to climb. No climbing to take place if weather conditions are poor, including high/strong winds, wet/icy/cold, lightning and poor lighting. Instructions issued by the instructors must be always adhered to. Instructor will stop the activity immediately should any of the following occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There be an accident/near miss Weather conditions deteriorate Group is too large or unruly to supervise No adult supervision provided by the group They feel that the activity is not suitable for the age/abilities/experience of participants. Any of the rules/instructions etc are broken whether by children/young persons, adult or leader. 	2	3	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall from height 		4	3	12		3	2	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head (or other) injury e.g. due to falling objects. 		4	3	12		4	2	8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burns or other injury from cables 		3	3	9		3	2	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entanglement/ entrapment of clothing/hair etc 		4	3	12		3	2	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather conditions 		4	3	12		3	3	9