

Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite

Crate Climbing Risk Assessment



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Location. Climbing Tower Compound

What are the Risks	Who are at Risk	Control Measures	Risk Rating	Likelihood	Further Action
Normal hazards associated with Crate Climbing (falls from height, impact with something solid, hit by falling crates)	All	<p>Sessions to be run in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure</p> <p>All Instructors must have passed the in-house training or hold a valid permit</p> <p>PPE must be used at all times</p> <p>Crate climb compound area covered with rubber crumb in order to absorb impact of fall</p> <p>Solid base for crate stacking</p>	Low	Low	None
Risk of falls	Climber	<p>Participants warned of the dangers during briefing given by the Instructor</p> <p>Participants to be provided with helmets and harnesses, and checked for correct fitting by the Instructor</p> <p>Ensure there is no slack in the rope</p>	Low	Low	None
Risk of crates being hit by falling crate or finger entrapment	Crate stacker & crate handler	<p>Participants warned of the dangers during briefing by Instructor. When pushing the crate stack over, always push away from belays and step back, if a crate handler is being used, climbers must not step up onto the next crate until the handler has stepped back and is clear</p>	Medium	Low	None

Sessions may become dangerous due to adverse Weather Conditions	All	Sessions may have to be cancelled due to adverse conditions.	Medium	Low	None
Slips, Trips and Falls	All	Areas used for Activity, to be checked by Instructor prior to commencement of Activity and all removable trip hazards removed. Instructor to brief Participants of the activity rules	Low	Low	None
Hazards arising from the actions of the participating group members. Overcrowding, disruptive behaviour.	All	The Maximum ratio is 1 Instructor to 8 participants within the abseiling system The participating group leader must be present at all times If a group members behaviour becomes unacceptable the Instructor will end the activity	Low	Low	None
Unauthorised use of equipment	All	Crates must be cleared away and if ropes are left in situ for the use of another group, they must be tied out of reach. The compound must be made secure until the handover.	Low	Low	None
Equipment Failure	Participants	All equipment to be inspected and logged in accordance with the Site inspection and replacement policy. Dedicated Volunteer to monitor defect log and effect repairs or initiate replacements	Low	Low	None

This Risk Assessment does not preclude you from completing your own written or dynamic Risk Assessments