

# Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite

## Ladder 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 Abseiling (falls from height, impact with something solid)	<b>All</b>	Sessions to be run in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure  All Instructors must have passed the in-house training or hold a valid permit  PPE must be used at all times  Ladder Climbing compound area covered with rubber crumb in order to absorb impact of fall	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>
Risk of entrapment in ladder	<b>Climber</b>	Participants warned of the dangers during briefing given by the Instructor  Participants to be provided with helmets and harnesses, and checked for correct fitting by the Instructor  Entrapped Participant to be lowered with ladder to the ground	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>
Sessions may become dangerous due to adverse Weather Conditions	<b>All</b>	Sessions may have to be cancelled due to adverse conditions.  Wet Ropes to be replaced with dry ropes if activity is resumed	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>

Slips, Trips and Falls	<b>All</b>	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 rules.	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>
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	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>
Unauthorised use of equipment	All	If ropes are left in situ for the use of another group. The compound must be made secure until the handover.	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>
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	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>

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