

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR: Rock Climbing, Abseiling including Wheelchairs

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre			
Date of Assessment	7/10/13	Date of Issue	1 January 2014
Assessment carried out by	Don Smith	Signature	

Reviews				
Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,GN,DH,PV	10/11/21		N
Nov/Dec 2017	Paul Vardy	07/12/16	Y	
Nov/Dec 2018	Paul Vardy	24/09/17	Y	
Nov 2018	Paul Vardy (enc Adv)	15/11/18	Y	
Nov 2019	Mark Ellis	28,10,19		N
Nov 2019	Paul Vardy	20/11/19	Y	
Nov 2020	Paul Vardy	04/12/20	Y	

Affected persons: Young People/Clients Staff Visitors Contractor Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:	Ian Price
Signature:	

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
<p>Falling/slipping.</p> <p>Injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must hold the relevant Governing Body Award or a site specific accreditation. • Briefing of group. Boundaries set around climbing/abseiling area. • Group briefed about not scrambling in the locality. • Ability of group taken into account. • Appropriate footwear worn. • Appropriate routes selected for the group. • Belayers supervised at all times • Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate. • First aid kit must be carried. • Group size and ratios suitable for Conditions and abilities as per operating procedures. • Participants advised to remove jewellery. • Group briefed on possibility of glass and Dog foul in area • All equipment inspected and checked. • Specific hazards identified and brought to group's attention. 		<p>Instructor leading the session</p>	<p>All groups to be briefed on use of belay and abseil devices. Appropriate demonstration and practise to be undertaken.</p> <p>Millers dale, Group to be briefed to walk when going up and down the steps</p> <p>Millers Dale, group made aware of the potential of passing cyclists</p>		

<p>Objects from above, dislodged rocks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets worn. • Group briefing. • Group management. • Awareness of others in area. 		<p>Millers Dale abseil, group briefed not to throw things off the bridge.</p>	
<p>Extremes of temperature and weather.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast obtained. • Activity adapted where appropriate. • Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. • Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. • Individuals' kit reviewed before session to ensure adequate protective clothing. • Suitable emergency equipment carried. 		<p>Bottom of abseil area to be managed, especially on building abseils.</p>	
<p>Illness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. • Parental consent & medical forms. 		<p>Individuals to have access to own inhalers, Adrenalin auto injector or appropriate medication.</p>	
<p>Traffic on roads and bridleways. Minibus Travel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing. • Group management. • Adult supervision of road crossings. • Seats belts to be worn • Qualified Driver 			
<p>Inappropriate behaviour.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. 			
<p>Safeguarding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Staff vigilance. 			

**Entrapment in
belay device or
other equipment.**

- Group briefing.
- Supervision by instructor.
- Instructor to check for loose clothing, long hair
- Releasable rigging to be used

Wheelchair Abseil

- Descent to be controlled by instructor if necessary. Safety rope to be used.
- Speed of descent to be controlled by instructor or participant, if appropriate. Safety rope to be used each descent.
- Assistant to Abseil behind or alongside participant to assist in stabilising their chair.
- Assistant to be competent at abseiling with a prusik
- Ensure attachment points on the chair are not detachable.
- Rig the chair to prevent tipping at transition onto slope.

**Additional
potential hazards
associated with a
person's disability**

- Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area and engage with the activity.

A discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carers should be had to decide on the most appropriate way to access the site. Or whether a more accessible location is used.

Additional staff may be required.

Additional time may need to be factored into the session.

Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users

Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision

For visitors with disabilities a discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carer should be had to ensure the most appropriate PPE is worn.