

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Upper 'Skyline' Ropes Course

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment 9/6/14

Date of Issue 9 June 2014

Assessment carried out by

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Signature

Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,PV,GN,DH	10/11/21		N
Nov 22	IW/PV/GN	4/11/22	Y	
Nov 2023	IW,GN,DH,PV	14/11/23		N
November 2018	PV	14/11/18	Y	
October 2019	PV	21/10/19	Y	
Dec 2021	PV	04/12/20	Y	

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

Staff

Visitors

Contractor

Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

IP

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>Safeguarding</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Illness</p> <p>Injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Staff vigilance • Group briefing and management. • Use of ‘Sin Bin’ facility or suspension of activity. • Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. • Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate. • Group briefing on spacing on elements, and how some items will swing about. • Group briefing on specific hazards for each element. • Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities. • Regular inspection of all equipment undertaken. • Removal from use of unsafe or defective equipment. • Removal of jewellery and securing of loose clothing. Ensure Lanyards/scarfs are removed or tucked away • Tying back of long hair. • Zipline • Instructor to ensure runway is clear and tail rope is free of entanglement • Back up carabiner to be clipped in on return of zipwire 		<p>Instructor leading the session, with support from visiting staff when present.</p>	<p>Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session</p> <p>Those with known allergies/conditions to have access to own Inhaler, adrenalin auto injector or appropriate medication</p> <p>First aid kit to be accessible during session</p> <p>Note; draw attention to weight of yellow metal rings section</p> <p>Rescue kit must be accessible by the instructor while on the platform during the activity</p> <p>Visiting staff and YP briefed on lowering procedure from the zipwire</p>		

Falling/slipping.

- Instructors must hold a relevant NGB or site-specific accreditation. They must be aware of and comply with the centre operating procedures.
- Group briefing before session.
- All Ropes course areas to be signed with appropriate warnings to the public. Skyline Ramp to be locked when not in use.
- Ability of group taken into account.
- Appropriate footwear worn.
- Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element.
- Appropriate PPE to be worn by all participants.
- Any person on the platform must be attached to a lanyard and anchor point.
- Use of chains to limit access to the course and protect drops.

Extremes of temperature, weather; lightning strike.

- Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account.
- Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate.
- Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored.
- Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups.
- Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing and equipment.
- Suitable emergency/rescue equipment accessible.

Choking

- Group briefed to remove chewing gum/other food before session.

Participants briefed about not going further than the top of the ramp until attached

Group attached with Carabiners which need a tool to open.

Activity abandoned if there is a threat of lightning.

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 on site 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.

If our PPE is not suitable for the participant's needs, we may need to refuse participation for safety reasons

Hoisting system should be releasable.