

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
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Assessment
carried out by

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Signature

Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,GN,DH,PV	10/11/21		N
Nov 22	IW/GN/PV	3/11/22	Y	
Nov 2023	IW,GN,DH,PV	14/11/23	Y	
Dec 2024	IW GN	4/12/2024	Y	
16/12/26	IW/DH/GN/PV	16/12/25	Y	
Nov 2019	PV	20/11/19	Y	
Nov 2020	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
Falling/slipping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must hold the relevant Governing Body Award Briefing of group. Boundaries set around climbing/abseiling area. Group briefed about not scrambling in the locality while waiting for their turn. Ability of group taken into account. Appropriate footwear worn. Appropriate routes selected for the group. Belayers supervised at all times 		Instructor leading the session	<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>		
Injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Millers Dale, group made aware of the potential of passing cyclists</p>		

Objects from above, dislodged rocks.	<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>Bottom of abseil area to be managed, especially when abseiling down buildings.</p>		
Extremes of temperature and weather.	<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. 					
Illness.	<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>		
Traffic on roads and bridleways. Minibus Travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing. • Group management. • Adult supervision of road crossings. • Seats belts to be worn • Qualified Driver 			<p>Display current parking permits and abseil permit.</p>		
Inappropriate behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. 					
Safeguarding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Staff vigilance. 					

Entrapment in belay device or other equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group briefing.• Supervision by instructor.• Instructor to check for loose clothing, long hair tied back• Releasable rigging to be used					
Wheelchair Abseil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Descent and speed to be controlled by instructor as necessary. Safety rope to be used.• 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.			<p>Abseil ramp condition to be checked before use 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.</p> <p>Additional staff may be required.</p> <p>Additional time may need to be factored into the session.</p> <p>Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users</p> <p>Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision</p> <p>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.</p>		
Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area and engage with the activity.					