

**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

DS

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

Dec 24

IW PV GN

12/12/24

N

16/12/25

PV/GN/IW/DH

16/12/25

Y

Dec 2021

PV

04/12/20

Y

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

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Staff

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Visitors

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Contractor

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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
<b>Safeguarding</b>  <b>Inappropriate behaviour</b>  <b>Illness</b>  <b>Injury.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group briefing and management.</li> <li>Staff vigilance</li> <li>Group briefing and management.</li> <li>Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity.</li> <li>Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.</li> <li>Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate.</li> <li>Group briefing on spacing on elements, and how some items will swing about.</li> <li>Group briefing on specific hazards for each element.</li> <li>Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities.</li> <li>Regular inspection of all equipment undertaken.</li> <li>Removal from use of unsafe or defective equipment.</li> <li>Removal of jewellery and securing of loose clothing. Ensure Lanyards/scarfs are removed or tucked away</li> <li>Tying back of long hair.</li> <li><b><u>Zipline</u></b></li> <li>Instructor to ensure runway is clear and tail rope is free of entanglement</li> <li>Back up carabiner to be clipped in on return of zipwire</li> </ul>		Instructor leading the session, with support from visiting staff when present.	<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>		

<p><b>Falling/slipping.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors must hold a relevant NGB and/or site-specific accreditation. They must be aware of and comply with the centre operating procedures.</li> <li>• Group briefing before session.</li> <li>• All Ropes course areas to be signed with appropriate warnings to the public. Skyline Ramp to be locked when not in use.</li> <li>• Ability of group taken into account.</li> <li>• Appropriate footwear worn.</li> <li>• Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element.</li> <li>• Appropriate PPE to be worn by all participants.</li> <li>• Any person on the platform must be attached to a lanyard and anchor point.</li> <li>• Use of chains to limit access to the course and protect drops.</li> </ul>			<p>Participants briefed about not going further than the top of the ramp until attached</p> <p>Group attached with Carabiners which need a tool to open.</p>		
<p><b>Extremes of temperature, weather; lightning strike.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account.</li> <li>• Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate.</li> <li>• Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored.</li> <li>• Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups.</li> <li>• Individuals’ kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing and equipment.</li> <li>• Suitable emergency/rescue equipment accessible.</li> </ul>			<p>Activity abandoned if there is a threat of lightning.</p>		
<p><b>Choking</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group briefed to remove chewing gum/other food before session.</li> </ul>					

<p><b>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site and engage with the activity.</li> </ul>			<p>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> <p>If our PPE is not suitable for the participant's needs, we may need to refuse participation for safety reasons</p> <p>Hoisting system should be releasable.</p>		
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