

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

High Ropes Course and Climbing Tower

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

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| Date of Assessment | 7/10/13 | Date of Issue | 1 January 2014 |
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Assessment carried out by

Don Smith

Signature

Reviews

| Review Date | Reviewed by | Date | Changes Made | |
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| | | | Y | N |
| Nov/Dec 2014 | Don Smith | 17/11/14 | Y | |
| Nov/Dec 2015 | Paul Vardy | 10/02/16 | Y | |
| Nov/Dec 2017 | Paul Vardy | 07/12/16 | N | |
| Nov/Dec 2018 | Paul Vardy | 24/09/17 | Y | |
| Oct 18 | Paul Vardy | 19/10/18 | Y | |
| Oct 19 | Paul Vardy | 27/09/19 | 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 |
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| <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. • Instructors must hold a relevant NGB or site specific accreditation. They must be aware of and comply with the centre operating procedures. • Briefing of group. • Ability of group taken into account. • Appropriate footwear worn. • Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element. • Helmets to be worn by all group members. • Harnesses to be worn by participants on the climbing tower. • Harness & Chest harness to be worn by participants on high ropes. • Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities. | ✓ | Instructor leading the session | <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> | | |

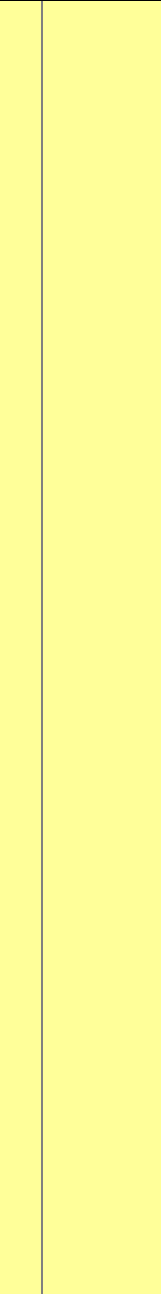
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| <p>Falling crates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants tied in and briefed that this must be checked by an instructor before leaving the ground • Regular inspection of all equipment undertaken. • Removal from use of unsafe or defective equipment. • Removal of loose clothing, jewellery and anything from pockets. • Tying back of long hair. • Each climbers Knot to be checked by Instructor before leaving ground. | | | | | |
| <p>Falling/slipping.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefed to move away from falling crates and how to fend them off • Group briefed on how to pass crates appropriately • Crates stacked in a way to minimise falling towards belayers • Stackers to control the dismantling of the tower • Group briefing on the belaying system • Supervision of belayers, especially up to the first level. • All Ropes course areas to be signed with appropriate warnings to the public. • Anyone accessing the top of the Climbing tower or high ropes rouse must be attached | | | <p>Back up knot tied in the tail end of rope near to gri gri when participant at the first level</p> | | |
| <p>Extremes of temperature.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. | | | <p>session suspended in the case of electrical storm or winds in excess of Force 6 (25-30mph)</p> | | |

**Extreme weather;
lightning strike.**

Choking

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

- 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 equipment accessible.
 - Session suspended in the event of an electrical storm.
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- Group briefed to remove chewing gum/other food before session.
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- 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.

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.

Hoisting systems should be releasable from the ground.

