

Activity Risk Assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Traverse Wall Hertfordshire Scout Activity Centres	Date of risk assessment	October 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Katy Pearce EM HCSC Reviewed by: Doug Stack ACM HCSC
		Date of next review	October 2025		

Hazard- what could go wrong?	Who is at risk?	Assessment of risk	Control measures in place	Remaining risk using control measures
General injury from falling off the wall	Participants	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure mats are in place to help cushion the fall. In the safety briefing participants are told to always keep their feet on the bottom row of the holds and hands on the top row of the holds. Participants should have a spotting person behind them during traversing activities to break the impact of a fall. Spotters must stay alert with good foot and hand positioning. 	Low
Ankle injury when falling or stepping down	Participants	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure mats are in place to help cushion the fall. Participants should have a spotting person behind them during traversing activities to break the impact of a fall. Spotters must stay alert with good foot and hand positioning. Participants must be instructed to climb down rather than jump off. 	Low
Entrapment	Participants	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must ensure shoes are tied correctly, pockets emptied and objects around neck removed i.e. scarfs and necklaces. Closed toed shoes must be worn. Routine visual inspections completed and signed off at the start of the day and before each session by the activities team. 	Low
Failure due to weight or height	Participants	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure user weight & height limits are considered and applied and information boards are in place. Should a supervising adult have a concern of a participants weight they shall ask them directly. Questioning will be done privately away from earshot of the group. 	Low
Head injury from impact	Participants	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants should have a spotting person behind them during traversing activities to break the impact of a fall. Spotters must stay alert with good foot and hand positioning. 	Low

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with wall or floor				
Finger entrapment or falling due to loose holds	Participants	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell participants to alert supervising adult if they find a loose hold during the session. Monthly equipment checks are carried out. Routine visual inspections completed and signed off at the start of the day and before each session by the activities team. 	Low
Weather	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre Management Team/Lead Instructors must check weather at start of day and monitor throughout. Sessions must be stopped if wind speeds exceed 24mph, dependant on location. Sessions must be stopped in rain. Sessions must be stopped immediately in thunder and lightning, and wait for 30 minutes after end of storm, before re commencing. Sessions to be cancelled in extreme hot or cold temperatures. Equipment must be dried or dry enough for the activity to commence/recommence. 	Low
Uncontrolled groups of young people	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Group leader is responsible for managing the groups behaviour as stated in the booking terms and conditions. 	Low
Self-led sessions/ equipment	Participants, Leaders	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group leader is responsible to ensure that those running the activity Self-led must have completed and signed a Self-Led Activity Registration Form for the activity. Supervising adult must be shown the activity area/activity equipment by centre staff before commencing the activity or been provided an alternative method. An additional competent adult should be present to supervise individuals that are not engaged on the activity. 	Low
Clients with additional abilities/pre-existing health issues	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group leader must provide information about significant medical requirements and additional needs during the booking process. Instructors should discuss any needs with group leaders before the session is started. Lead instructors/management should review information and make any specific adaptations, determined with an individual risk assessment. Group leader is responsible for having access to essential medication i.e. inhalers. 	Low

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants with a history of injuries should be warned about the physical nature of taking part in this activity and have read the activity information before starting. 	
Novice participants	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio of 1 supervising adult plus 1 competent adult per 15 participants. Safety briefing given at start of session to identify specific hazards and safety rules to follow and reinforced throughout. 	Low
Failure of equipment	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly equipment checks are carried out. Routine visual inspections completed and signed off at the start of the day and before each session by the activities team. If the activity equipment has a defect during use, the activity must be stopped immediately until repairs are completed, safety checks carried out and verified so activity can recommence. This must be recorded appropriately. 	Low
Poorly maintained activity area	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly activity area checks are carried out. Routine visual inspections completed and signed off at the start of the day and before each session by the activities team. If the activity area has a defect during use, the activity must be stopped immediately until repairs are completed, safety checks carried out and verified so activity can recommence. This must be recorded appropriately. 	Low
General Injury	Participants, Leaders, Instructors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups are responsible for their own first aid. Groups must have someone adequately trained and have a suitable first aid kit. Additional first aid kit and defibrillator are available at reception/activity and key staff on duty to offer further support if required. 	Low