

Hautbois Risk Assessment

Activity: Monkey Climbing	Assessor: Abbie Stewardson	Date: January 2018	Tech Advisor: Chris Pretty
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Description: Climbing takes place on several trees on site. (x2 lime pits, x1 near climbing tower) Participants climb on holds attached with ratchet straps. The ratio for this activity is 1:12

SR= Severity Rating; 5 (Catastrophic) 4 (Major) 3 (Moderate) 2 (Minor) 1 (None)

LH=Likelihood Rating 5 (Almost certain) 4 (Likely) 3 (Possible) 2 (Unlikely) 1 (Insignificant)

RR= Risk Rating; H (High) M (Medium) L (Low) I (Insignificant)

Significant Hazard	Who Might be Harmed and How	Existing Controls	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Falling off the climbing tree	Participants - not tied in/clipped in, incorrectly tied/clipped in.	Instructors qualified to Girlguiding Level 1, current CWLA Award or above, SPA Training/ Assessed or above Instructors to follow Operating Procedure.	5	1	L
Falling when on a rope	Participants - Poor belaying techniques	Belayers monitored by Instructors Safe Operating procedures followed.	4	1	L
Being hit by falling objects	Participants - equipment being dropped from Tower. Dead wood and branches falling from the tree. Potential head injury.	Monkey climbing is a hard hat area, clearly signed and enforced. Tree visually inspected for dead wood and broken branches by instructor prior to session starting	2	2	L
Equipment failure	Participants and Instructors - unchecked equipment potential failure, serious skeletal injuries.	Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded. All Climbing equipment to be correctly stored and checked on a session and periodical basis.	2	2	L
Equipment failure, Monkey climbing straps	Participants - straps becoming loose, decayed, brittle and braking. Participant falls off activity, abrasions from rubbing on tree.	Monkey climbing visually inspected each time used, Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded.	2	2	L
Incorrectly fitted equipment	Participants - equipment not performing correctly or ill fitted causing abrasions, friction burns, and potential asphyxia from helmet straps.	Operating procedures adhered to. All equipment fitted, checked by a qualified Instructor.	2	2	L

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Slipping off the tree climbing activity	Participants - wet climbing holds, two points of contact, potential skeletal injuries.	Clients taught good technique (three points of contact), belayed at all times.	2	2	L
Pulled of ground when belaying	Participants - belayer connected direct to belay device and not paired correctly with climbers' body weight. Minor personal injuries.	Client/Instructor attached to ground ballast.	2	2	L

Review Date: January 2019	Name	Action Taken:
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