

Hautbois Risk Assessment



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Description: Abseiling takes place on our purpose built wooden Tower within the grounds of Hautbois. This is also our climbing wall.. The Tower height is 10 meters; participants access the top of the abseil wall by using the stairs inside.

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)

Significant Hazard	Who Might be Harmed and How	Existing Controls	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating
1. Falling off the Tower	Instructors and Participants - falling from the Tower platform, tripping down the stairs or falling through banister into atrium area.	Instructors qualified to Girlguiding Level 1, Current Local Authority Award, SPA Training/Assessment or above. Instructors follow Safe Operating Procedures for use of the Tower by clipping in all participants and themselves to the safety lines attached at the top of the Tower. Participants are briefed at the beginning of and during the session on how to use the safety lines correctly.	5	1	L
2. Being hit by falling objects	Participants and Instructors- Items being dropped from top of Tower or from participants pockets - potential head injuries	Hard Hat Area. Clearly enforced. Participants briefed to remove items from pockets at beginning of session and told to stay clear of bottom of tower.	2	2	L
3. Hair getting trapped in abseil devices	Participants and Instructors - longer hair can get dragged into the abseiling hardware and cause tension on the scalp.	All clients are informed to have their hair tied up behind their head to keep it clear from the abseiling devices and other moving parts. If hair becomes stuck in devices the Instructor can untie and loosen semi static rope to release hair.	2	2	L
4. Equipment failure	Participants and Instructors - unchecked equipment potential failure, serious skeletal injuries.	Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded. All Abseiling equipment to be correctly stored and checked on a session and periodic basis.	5	1	L
5. Falling up/down stairs	Participants - running down/up the stairs; cuts, bruises or breaks.	All clients to be reminded to walk up/down the stairs and not to run.	2	2	L
6. Incorrectly fitted equipment.	Participants - equipment not performing correctly or ill fitted causing abrasions,	Safe Operating Procedures adhered to. All equipment fitted and checked by a qualified Instructor.	5	1	L

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	friction burns, and potential asphyxia from helmet straps.				
7. Poor Instruction	Participants - rope burns, slipping; minor personal injuries	Instructors qualified to Girl Guiding Level 1, Current Local Authority Award or above i.e. SPA MIA.	2	2	L

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

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