

## Hautbois Risk Assessment



<b>Activity:</b> Abseiling	<b>Assessor:</b> Abbie Stewardson	<b>Date:</b> January 2019	<b>Tech Advisor:</b> Chris Pretty
<b>Assessment No:</b> RA-ABS19	<b>SOP No:</b> SOP -ABS19	<b>Lesson Plan:</b> LP-ABS19	
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**Description:** Abseiling takes place on purpose-built tower on site. The Tower measures 10 meters; participants access via stairs inside and abseil from platform at top.

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
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 and is monitored throughout the session by the instructor.  Participants briefed about using the handrails safely and a strict walking only rule enforced when in the tower.  Instructor to check participant footwear is suitable and fit for the activity.	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 to be clear of bottom of tower.  Gravel area to mark 'drop' zone- instructors brief participants about keeping drop zone clear at all times.  Instructors check that all participants have tied shoelaces.	2	1	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.			

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		<p>All instructors trained to rescue participants in the event of entrapment which is refreshed and reviewed throughout the year in the form of scenario training by the technical advisor.</p> <p>All instructors carry spare hairbands for participants who do not have their hair tied back.</p> <p>If participants do not have their hair tied back, they are not permitted to take part in the activity.</p>	2	2	L
4. Equipment failure	Participants and Instructors - unchecked equipment potential failure, serious skeletal injuries.	<p>Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded. 6 monthly external inspection carried out. Internal quarterly checks by Activities Manager and Senior Instructor. Activity checks before each session carried out by instructing team.</p> <p>All Abseiling equipment to be correctly stored and checked on a session and periodic basis.</p> <p>All instructors trained on checking equipment and efficient storage during their induction.</p>	5	1	L
5. Falling up/down stairs	Participants - running down/up the stairs; cuts, bruises or breaks.	<p>All clients to be reminded to walk up/down the stairs and not to run.</p> <p>Handrails regularly checked, and tower swept as part of activity checks to ensure stairwell is clear at all times.</p>	2	2	L
6. Incorrectly fitted equipment.	Participants - equipment not performing correctly or ill fitted causing abrasions, friction burns, and potential asphyxia from helmet straps.	<p>Safe Operating Procedures adhered to.</p> <p>All equipment fitted and checked by a qualified Instructor. Participants briefed not to play with equipment once fitted.</p> <p>Instructors trained to do a final visual and physical check of each participants harness before dispatch.</p>	5	1	L
7. Poor Instruction	Participants - rope burns, slipping; minor personal injuries	<p>Instructors qualified to Girl Guiding Level 1, Current Local Authority Award or above i.e. SPA MIA.</p> <p>All instructors carry first aid kits for minor injuries.</p>	2	2	L

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