

Hautbois Risk Assessment



Activity: Monkey Climbing	Assessor: Abbie Stewardson	Date: January 2019	Tech Advisor: Chris Pretty
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Description: Climbing takes place on Lime Pits site. 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. Competency completed and signed off. Instructors to follow Safe Operating Procedure. 'Quad lock' karabiners used to clip in for climber- participants not shown how they work to prevent self-clip in. Briefing by instructor prior to every climb for checklist before each ascent.	5	1	L
Falling when on a rope	Participants - Poor belaying techniques	Belayers monitored by qualified Instructor. Participants taught good belay technique and briefed and beginning of session. Safe Operating procedures followed. Gri- gri and ground anchors used at all times. Climbing using a 'buddy' or 'bug' is not permitted by any participant, regardless of experience	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,	Participants - straps becoming	Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded.	2	2	

This Risk Assessment should work in conjunction with the generic risk assessment (RA-GEN19) and relevant activity's Safe Operating Procedure (SOP-).

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Monkey climbing straps	loose, decayed, brittle and braking. Participant falls off activity, abrasions from rubbing on tree.	All Climbing equipment to be correctly stored and checked on a session and periodical basis. Full PPE checks completed 6 monthly by trained and competent person. Records kept. Potential failed items to be quarantined and evaluated by senior instructor or activities manager.			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. Participants briefed on suitable attire.	2	2	L
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. Weather conditions evaluated and assessed by senior staff member.	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