

COVID-19 restarting face-to-face Scouts risk assessment

Name of section or activity	ABSEILING	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notifications
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Normal hazards associated with climbing (i.e. falls from height, impact with something solid)	L	All involved in the session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sessions to be run using techniques laid out in the SPA award and HW session notes. All staff must have passed the in-house training and be assessed by an approved external assessor. The normal ratio will be 2:10. The maximum ratio will be 1:10. Personal protective equipment must be always used. Any person on the top platform must be tethered 	
Leader bolts, i.e. falling from tower with fingers in bolts.	L	Climbers/ Abseiler	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clients warned of danger during briefing Message to be reinforced when necessary. 	
Hazards on climbing ladder	L	Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to give demonstration of how to climb the ladder. Ladder to be secured to the wall and participants are belayed up the ladder. 	
Hazards of trapped hair in descended	M	Participants	Abseil rope to be releasable.	
Weather: sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions	L	All involved	Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms.	

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Unauthorized climbing	L	Intruders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climbing tower area is fenced off. 2. Gate to be kept locked when tower is not in use. 3. No unauthorized entry signs in place. 	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Over crowding Disorderly behaviour.	M	All involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max group size 10 2. If over crowding occurs refer to EAP on overcrowding. 3. Group leader must be present during sessions. 4. If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous follow the EAP for disorderly behaviour. 	
Hazards arising from the actions of inexperienced leaders/teachers	M	Climber/ Abseiler	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accompanying teachers/leaders may only assist if they can prove they hold the relevant qualifications (the SPA award or higher). 2. The relevant paperwork must be shown to the Warden/Senior Instructor prior to session commencing, copies of which must be held by the centre. 	
Equipment failure	M		All equipment to be inspected and logged accordance with the inspection and replacement policy.	
Hazards arising from the action of Instructor/staff	L	Participants	All instructors to attend and pass in house training	



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The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene Risk of Spread	L	All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand Sanitize. 2. Check Harness side by side. 3. Instructor to clip participants into Harness while participant looking opposite way. 4. Instructors to wear a mask and face shield during sessions. 5. Where a group is moving on to another activity requiring Helmets/Harnesses they will take same equipment with them. clean after each use. 	
Maintaining Social Distancing	L	All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Leader to manage participants who are waiting for their turn. 2 metre marking in waiting areas. 	
Track and Trace	L	All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days. 2. Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event. 	

Checked by Line Manager	Andy Moore Operations Director Date: 06/06/2023 	Checked by County Executive	Richard Wade County Chair Date: 08/06/2023 
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