

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

<b>Name of section or activity</b>	<b>CLIMBING TOWER</b>	<b>Date of risk assessment</b>	<b>01/06/2023</b>	<b>Name of person doing this risk assessment</b>	Luke Joseph	<b>COVID-19 readiness level</b>	See Covid alert notification
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<b>What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?</b>	<b>Who is at risk?</b>	<b>Risk Level:  Low – L Medium – M High – H</b>	<b>How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?</b>	<b>What's changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?</b>
Normal hazards associated with any climbing activity (i.e. falls from height, impact with something solid)	All involved in the session	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sessions to be run using conventional techniques as covered in the Climbing Wall Award (CWI) or higher awards</li> <li>Staff leading and running a session, called session leads, to have either passed Hesley Wood's in-house training and then been assessed by an approved external assessor or possess a national climbing qualification - CWA/RCI (Rock Climbing Instructor) or higher qualification.</li> <li>Those with national climbing qualifications will need to show the relevant paperwork to the Duty Manager prior to the session. Copies of this will then be held by the centre</li> <li>The maximum ratio will be 1 lead instructor: 12 participants</li> <li>Session Lead may be assisted by other competent persons to maintain maximum involvement &amp; safety with their group of 12.</li> <li>Helmets to be used by all participants on the wall and all spectators within the climbing compound</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of 'non expert' assistants	Climbers	M	Staff responsible for leading these sessions to delegate responsibility appropriately to competent persons whilst still overseeing general safety	
Equipment failure	Climbers	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only Hesley Wood's equipment to be used on the Tower for Hesley Wood session.</li> <li>Hesley Wood's equipment is inspected and logged in accordance with its current inspection policy including pre-session checks</li> </ol>	

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Leader bolts -Climber falling with finger in bolts.	Climbers	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants to be warned of danger during briefing</li> <li>2. Message to be reinforced as and when necessary</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. disorderly behaviour, overcrowding causing distractions	All involved	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum group size 12 participants</li> <li>2. The Group Leader, who will know the participants, to be present during sessions</li> <li>3. If group members behaviour becomes dangerous follow the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Disorderly behaviour</li> </ol>	
Weather; sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather	All involved	L	Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms.	
Unauthorised climbing – usual risks associated with climbing	Intruders	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climbing tower area is fenced off.</li> <li>2. Gate to be locked when tower is not in use.</li> <li>3. No unauthorized entry signs in place.</li> </ol>	


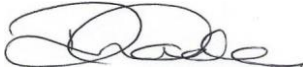
The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene Risk of Spread	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where a group is moving on to another activity requiring Helmets/Harnesses they will take same equipment with them.</li> <li>2. Hand Sanitizer provided to be used by participant before and after each use of equipment.</li> <li>3. Equipment cleaned with wipes at end of each session.</li> <li>4. Helmets cleaned after use.</li> <li>5. Instructor to check harnesses from side with participants looking opposite way.</li> </ol>	
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Social Distancing	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 normal routes side by side with 2 metres between routes.</li> <li>Leader to supervise social distancing of participants waiting.</li> <li>2 metre marking in waiting areas.</li> </ol>	
Track and Trace	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days.</li> <li>Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event.</li> </ol>	

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