

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

Name of section or activity	CRATE STACK	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notification
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What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Risk Level: Low – L Medium – M High – H	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What's changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Normal hazards associated with climbing (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 rope techniques as covered in the RCI / CWI awards</li> <li>Staff leading and running a session, called lead session instructors, 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 - CWI/RCI or higher qualification.</li> <li>Those with national climbing qualifications will need to show the relevant paperwork to the Activity coordinator prior to the session. Copies of this will then be held by the centre. They will also have to have attended an induction session on the Crate Stack from the Activity Manager</li> <li>The maximum ratio will be 1 instructor: 12 participants.</li> <li>Lead session instructors may be assisted by other adults to maintain maximum involvement &amp; safety with their group of 12</li> <li>Helmets to be used by all participants on the Crate Stack <b>and spectators</b> within the activity compound, including the Instructor.</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of others.	All involved	M	Staff responsible for leading these sessions to delegate responsibility <b>appropriately</b> to adults whilst still overseeing general safety	
Equipment failure	Climbers	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only Hesley Wood's climbing equipment to be used on the Crate Stack Hesley Wood's equipment is inspected and logged in accordance with its current inspection policy.</li> <li>The Crate Stack's timber structure to be checked according to Hesley Wood's written inspection schedule</li> <li>Ropes to be properly marked</li> </ol>	

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Risk of crates falling when passed / thrown to climber(s), stack falling whilst being built, stack collapse at end	All involved	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safe Throwing of crates to be demonstrated by instructor at beginning.</li> <li>2. Location as to where to go when stack falling instructed at the beginning.</li> <li>3. Helmets to be used by all participants on the Crate Stack</li> <li>4. Initial safety briefing by Lead Instructor &amp; reinforced as necessary</li> <li>5. Briefing on how to collapse the stack safely at end</li> <li>6. Maximum height of crate stack is 16 crates on one side.</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e., disorderly behaviour, overcrowding causing distractions	All involved	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum group size 12 <b>Maximum Group in the Compound to be 14</b></li> <li>2. The Adult Leader, who will know the participants, to be present during sessions</li> <li>3. If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous follow the EAP for Disorderly behaviour</li> </ol>	
Weather: sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions	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. Crate Stack 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>	


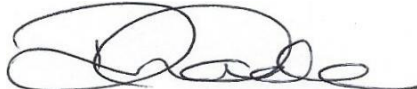
The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene Risk of Spread	All	L	<p>Where a group is moving on to another activity requiring Helmets/Harnesses they will take the same equipment with them.</p> <p>Hand Sanitizer provided to be used by participant before and after each use of equipment.</p> <p>Equipment cleaned with wipes at end of each session.</p> <p>Helmets cleaned after use.</p> <p>Instructor to check harnesses from side with participants looking opposite way.</p> <p><b>Instructor to wear a mask during sessions.</b></p>	
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Social Distancing	All	L	Group to be split as follows. One climber, 1 crate loaders hooking crates onto lanyards, 1 crate puller pulling crates up to the climber. The instructor will work the belay.	
Track and Trace	All	L	Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days. Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event.	

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The following changes will need to be made to the operation of the session.

1. Lifting a sack of crates to insert a crate cannot safely be done by one person. It also cannot be done by two people whilst maintaining social distancing, with this in mind under covid rules this will not be allowed.
2. To build and ascend the towers the climber will have to step back between one tower and another building from the top as they go.
3. During the early stages of the tower crates can be thrown to the climber from 2m away (a 2m box will need to be marked around the climbing base)
4. When the tower reaches 8 crates the climbers head will be 2m above the other group members (**this relies on group members being roughly the same height**) at this point one member can move to the bottom of the towers to help steady the towers.
5. At the point, a group member has moved to steady the towers all throwing of crates should stop to prevent head/ face injury.
6. Once the climber can no longer be reached by throwing crates the climber can use a lanyard with a carabiner attached to it to hoist crates to the top of the tower. The crates should be attached by a person standing outside of the 2m zone. (**maybe a y lanyard**)
7. When the tower collapses participants should enter the exclusion zone 1 at a time to clear the crates.
8. To enable social distancing no more than 4 people should be allowed in the compound at any point this allows for 1 climber 3 assistants each on edge of exclusion zone and the instructor belaying on the fourth edge.

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