

High Adventure OEC Risk Assessment - High Ropes Course

Minimum Leader competence	In-House Assessed	Minimum Assistant competence	
Max group size	To supervise up to maximum 4 ropes		

Hazard	People at risk	Pre-control	On session control	Risk (minimal, manageable, unacceptable)
Structural & PPE failure	All staff & participants	Regular equipment checks and records kept.	Visual and handling check of equipment.	Minimal
Weather related injuries	All staff & participants	Check weather forecast Groups clothing to be checked prior to session, warm clothing, waterproofs, sun protection, etc	All participants to be monitored for signs of hypothermia / heat stroke. Take drink & snacks for extended sessions. Instructors not to access course during high winds	Manageable
Participants falling to the ground	Participants	PPE regularly checked and results recorded	Trained & approved instructors using techniques identified as current good practice including 2 participants belaying.	Manageable
Instructors falling to the ground when accessing the structure	HA Staff	All rigging/accessing the structure to be undertaken by approved staff	PPE to be worn and techniques identified during training to be undertaken	Manageable
Items falling from above	All staff & participants		Helmets to be worn in HRC area. Keys & mobiles not to be left in pockets	Manageable
Falling / swinging into other participants or parts of the course	All staff & participants	Rigging checked before use. Main risk of injury is on the Trapeze.	Helmets worn by all Instructors to follow techniques identified during training	Manageable
Entanglement in ropes, nets, cables or chains	All staff & participants		Participants to be lowered down to the ground slowly (by instructors only). Instructors trained in rescue techniques.	Manageable

Essential equipment

Personal - Helmet, harness, chest harness, appropriate well fastened footwear.

Group - Dynamic ropes, gri gri & karabiner.

Leader - 1st aid kit & ladsafe.

Check for appropriate clothing for weather

Assessed by	HA OEC Ltd	Renewal date	This Risk Assessment is renewed in October each year as a matter of course, but is also reviewed & amended on a weekly / monthly basis subject to any changes that occur to High Adventure OEC Ltd Normal Operating Procedure.
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