

Health and Safety Risk Assessment Form



Assessment of:	Low Ropes		
Location:	Mount Cook Adventure Centre	Date of assessment:	February 2022
Completed by:	Bernard Müller	Expiry Date:	February 2023
Additional Staff Competency	ERCA Low Ropes or In-house Trained and signed off by activity manager. Relevant group management experience.	Ratio:	1:12

Hazard (something with the potential to cause harm)	Risk (how could the hazard cause harm, and who could it harm)	Control Measures (what is required to reduce the risk)	In Place (Y/N)	Action Required	Action Owner	Residual Risk (assuming all controls in place; Low, Med, High*)
Slips, Trips and Falls (Ground Level)	To Participant and Staff: Minor Bruising, cuts, abrasions. Head and spinal injuries.	Thorough pre-session inspection of the course and ground- particular care to ensure all trip hazards are removed and rabbit holes filled in. Helmets to be worn throughout session. Clear safety brief given to participants outlining boundaries and no running rule. Potential trip hazards such as guy lines highlighted during safety talk. Appropriate footwear to be worn.	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted Daily pre-use inspections	Activity manager	Low
Slips, Trips and Falls (From Height)	To Participant and Staff: Bruising, cuts, abrasions, breaks and sprains. Head and spinal	Helmets to be worn throughout session. Clear spotting briefing at the start of the session. Participants must demonstrate good spotting technique to the instructor before being allowed to proceed.	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low

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	injuries.	Participants must be spotted whenever they are off the ground. Participants encouraged to jump off the obstacles in a controlled manor as opposed to falling off. Instructor to actively spot where necessary. Maximum of 1 active participant per element. Instructors to demonstrate and explain elements. Consider use of harness in combination with safety sling on mini-zip for younger participants, (junior school) those who struggle to support their own body weight or who appear to be top heavy.	Y			
Equipment Failure	To Participant and Staff: Bruising, cuts, abrasions, breaks and sprains. Head and spinal injuries.	Annual inspection by an independent ERCA Type A inspector. Quarterly Inspection by ERCA type C inspector. Before all sessions, instructors to check that all aspects of structure/ elements and components, are in working order Pre-use helmet inspection. CCTV in place to deter vandalism and signage in place	Y	Regular inspections logged on Papertrail. Staff trained in both PPE inspection and Course Inspection	Activity manager Activity Staff	Low

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Wood and wire rope splinters	To Participant and Staff: Splinters	Regular inspection of the course and elements to reduce likelihood of splinters. Any splinters identified to be sanded down not pulled off. Participants briefed to only stand on wire ropes and never to pull on them.	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low
Entrapment of Feet and Fingers	To Participants: Bruising, cuts, abrasions, breaks and sprains, particularly to fingers and ankles.	Participants made aware of the potential dangers of touching/using chains and other connectors throughout the course. Participants shown the correct way to traverse tyres. Feet are not to be placed inside tyres. Instructors on hand to assist if feet become trapped.	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low
Lifting others and being lifted	To Participants and Staff: Bruising, cuts, abrasions, breaks and sprains. Head and spinal injuries.	The wall activity is only to be done if the instructor is confident in their group's physical ability and control. Participants shown correct lifting technique (back straight against wall, bent knees, hand over palm and lift with legs.) Every group member to spot whilst doing the wall activity. Instructor to take an active role in the spotting of the wall exercise.	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low

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		Spotters reminded that their job is not complete until lifted person is on the platform safely.				
Exposure to extreme weather – cold, wet, heat and sun.	To Participants and staff: Hyperthermia, frostbite, circulation problems, death.	Daily weather forecast obtained. Kit list sent to all groups in advance, so all participants have suitable footwear, clothing and equipment to match expected conditions. Activity is cancelled if conditions determined to be dangerous or degrade on session. Spare clothing (gloves, hats, coats) available close by. Sun cream if necessary.	Y	Instructor to monitor group condition and ensure all individuals are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.	Mount Cook Instructor	Low

Risk Assessment checked by H&S or Line Manager

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Date: 11th February 2022

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