

Risk Assessment – Low Ropes



Workplace Location: Warren Oak Campsite, Hollow Ln, Ledbury HR8 1NQ		
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Task Description: Participants will navigate various low ropes elements, including balancing logs, rope crossings, and climbing features, without direct instructor supervision. The activity encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and physical coordination.		

Number	Hazard Identification	Who May be Harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
1	Slips, Trips & Falls: Uneven terrain, wet surfaces, and unstable footing can lead to falls. Participants may lose balance on rope elements or stepping platforms.	All	Provide a clear safety instruction signage before use. Ensure participants wear proper footwear with good grip. Place signage warning of uneven terrain and slippery surfaces. Criss cross in wood to give grip.	Low
2	Equipment Failure: Worn or damaged ropes, platforms, or support structures may break or become unstable. Improper use of equipment can lead to accidents.	All	Conduct regular inspections and maintenance checks. Keep a maintenance log to track wear and repairs. Provide clear usage instructions for participants.	Low
3	Falling Objects: Loose branches or displaced equipment may fall onto participants or spectators. Unsecured personal items may drop from elevated elements.	All	Perform routine tree inspections to remove loose branches. Advise participants to secure personal items before starting.	Low
4	Weather Conditions: Wet or windy conditions can make surfaces slippery and affect stability. Extreme temperatures	All	Monitor forecasts and advice to adjust participation based on conditions.	Low

	may impact participant endurance.			
5	Behavioural Risks: Reckless movement or lack of attention can increase the likelihood of injury. Overcrowding may lead to collisions or unsafe use of elements	All	Set clear conduct rules and encourage responsible participation. Limit group size per element to prevent overcrowding. Encourage spotters for certain challenges to support safe movement. Only one person on is allowed on individual obstacles. Adult supervision required. Participation age 4-11 years. Suitable signage.	Low

Emergency Procedures	Monitoring and Review
First Aid: - First aid kits readily available. - Provide first aid and call emergency services if necessary. - Report all accidents via the QR Code, and to the Site Team or via the emergency contact number.	Regular Inspections: Weekly checks of the campsite for potential hazards. Annual Review: Comprehensive review of the risk assessment and control measures. Incident Reporting: Immediate review following any incident or near-miss. Feedback: Gather feedback from participants to identify areas for improvement.

Notice: Risk assessments are to be used in conjunction with your own risk assessments to enjoy a safe stay at Warren Oak Campsite.

Let's keep our campsite safe for everyone! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact campsite volunteer site team.