

The Oaks Scout Campsite



Safety Risk Assessment				Number: OAK/CT/1	Activity: Oaks Site Climbing Tower
Hazard Description	Hazard Value	Likelihood Value	Risk Value	Controls	Residual Risks
Fall or injury due to mistake or other action by Instructor	5	1	5	Instructors are authorised to run the tower by either the Scout or Guide Climbing Scheme, as appropriate. As part of this scheme they are independently assessed for competence and the assessment is renewable at Three yearly intervals	Groups running sessions on the tower using there own staff MUST produce documentary evidence of Competence – before being allow to use the facility.
Observers injured by being too close	2	1	2	Boundary fencing in place – only staff and those actually Climbing/Abseiling are allowed inside fence. Until called forward for their “Turn”	Briefing required on all Groups as the begin activity
Fall, due to poor belaying	5	1	5	Ensure that one person is belaying only one rope and that they have received sufficient instruction. Individuals should not belay for more than 2 hour periods – Job Rotation is practiced.	
	5	1	5	Correct harness to be used for all participant –	

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Falling, due to failure or incorrect use or fitting of harness				appropriate to size. Full Body Harnesses must be used whenever possible (limited only by size) All harness to be checked by Competent staff member before individual begins to climb or Abseil	
Falling due to a person not being connected to the safety system	5	1	5	Once a participant leaves the ground they must be connected to the safety system at all times – when transferring from one system to another – they must be connected to the new system before being disconnected from the old system.	Participants are instructed not to interfere with ropes and karabiners during the session.
Failure of equipment	5	1	5	All equipment is checked before being rigged. Use of the equipment is recorded and replaced as recommended by the manufacturers	Damage whilst in use – equipment to be checked after 4 hours in use and when restarting session on the tower – following a break.
Cuts and Grazes from Holds and boards	1	3	3	First aid kit to be available at the tower and First aid box to be at the tower.	

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Tripping over belays etc	3	1	3	Tower to be rigged so that trip hazards can be avoided	Any trip hazards which do exist should be pointed out to the group.
Being Struck by Falling Object	5	1	5	Everybody must wear a helmet when inside the boundary fence – when a session is being rigged, dismantled or in progress	
Hair being Caught in system	3	1	3	All long hair is to be tied back	
Assessed by				Pre event review completed	