

Risk Assessment

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Activity: Low Ropes

Activity Aspect	Hazard	Likelihood	Risk Level	Rating	Control measures
Setting up/packing up the activity	Tripping over obstacles and other objects (Trees, rocks, etc.)	Very Unlikely	Major	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each Instructor is taught how to navigate the Low Ropes area without tripping over. 2. Regular clear-outs are done in the Low Ropes zone to make sure there are no tripping hazards that can be moved.
	Slipping on obstacles while testing them out.	Very Unlikely	Major	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each instructor is taught how to read the weather and to assess the elements for risks. 2. They are taught how to use each element to be safe and effective.
	Hitting self on objects (trees, rocks, etc.)	Very unlikely	Moderate	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each instructor is taught how to navigate the Low Ropes area and to watch out for low hanging branches and objects you can run into.
	Cut self on loose rocks or sticks while moving them.	Very unlikely	Moderate	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each instructor is taught how to safely remove objects that may pose a threat to them. If it is too dangerous to move alone, they will call for assistance or leave the activity.
Introduction/Debrief	Behavioural issues (Aggressive, disabled, Detached, etc.)	Likely	Moderate	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each Instructor is taught how to manage different behavioural needs through experience and training days. 2. If a client is being unsafe and cannot be stopped then they are removed from situation and eliminating the risk.

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<p>1. The instructor is taught how to deal with tripping hazards and how to teach this to clients. 2. If the instructor deems that certain groups cannot avoid these hazards, then they are held back till they can effectively avoid tripping on objects.</p>	4	Major	Unlikely	Tripping over elements or objects (trees, rocks, etc.)	
<p>1. The group is told at the start of the activity that if they need to leave for some reason they need to communicate with the instructor before leaving. 2. The instructor advises the person who needs to leave the safest way to get back to the campsite to avoid disrupting other groups or running into risks.</p>	6	Moderate	Very Unlikely	Clients leaving the group without notifying the lead instructor	
<p>1. Each element is inspected monthly to check for any risks that could occur or cause the activity to malfunction. 2. If an issue is found, the AO is informed, and the element is taken out of action till it is fixed.</p>	5	Major	Very Unlikely	Equipment breaking while testing	
<p>1. Each instructor is aware that they have the authority in the activity, even over people like teachers and group leaders. 2. Because of this if the instructor deems that they need to step in and stop the distractions then they do so in a respectful manner.</p>	6	Minor	Unlikely	Leading clients interrupting the session	

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Running the activity	Behavioural issues (Aggressive, ADHD, Autism, Etc.)	Likely	Minor	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each Instructor is taught how manage different behavioural needs through experience and training days. 2. If a client is being unsafe and cannot be stopped then they are removed from situation and eliminating the risk.
	Tripping over objects and elements	Unlikely	Major	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The instructor is taught how to deal with tripping hazards and how to teach this to clients. 2. If the instructor deems that certain groups cannot avoid these hazards, then they are held back till they can effectively avoid tripping on objects.
	Equipment breaking while being used	Very Unlikely	Extreme	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each element is inspected monthly to check for any risks that could occur or cause the activity to malfunction. 2. If an issue is found, the AO is informed, and the element is taken out of action till it is fixed.
	Clients running into each other	Unlikely	Minor	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A rule is implemented stating that you can only go on the elements one at a time and this is enforced. 2. Anyone not on the element needs to be standing outside the boundary sleepers.
	Clients falling on each other	Unlikely	Moderate	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As stated, above clients can only go one at a time and all the rest are told to wait outside the boundary sleepers for their turn.

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<p>1. The zone around each element is covered with soft fall to minimise the risk of injury when falling. 2. The soft fall follows the Australian standards outlining the dimensions that we needed to cover (2m out from the element and 300ml deep)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Likely</p>	<p>Clients falling off the element</p>
<p>1. The sleepers are placed outside of the Australian standards of 2m to avoid clients falling onto the sleepers.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Major</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Clients falling onto the bordering sleepers</p>
<p>1. As stated above, clients who are waiting to use the element need to stand outside the boundary sleepers to be out of range of the swinging tyres. This rule is enforced and people who do not follow this are excluded from the activity.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Getting hit by the swinging tyres</p>
<p>1. Clients are instructed at the beginning of the activity to not run unless on an element to avoid running into trees or tripping on things.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Running into a tree/other object</p>
<p>1. The clients are instructed on how to manoeuvre each element to stay safe while performing the activity, including how to traverse the wobbly bridge. 2. The wobbly bridge is regular checked and maintained to make sure this risk is minimised.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Likely</p>	<p>Slipping through the wobbly bridge</p>

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	Rope burns from the jungle's vines, Criss cross and swinging tyres.	Unlikely	Minor	6	1. The clients are instructed on how to manoeuvre each element to stay safe while performing the activity.
	Getting feet stuck in the swinging tyres.	Unlikely	Minor	6	1. The clients are instructed on how to manoeuvre each element to stay safe while performing the activity.
	Hitting your leg on the bolts holding the element wires in the tree.	Very unlikely	Minor	7	1. Clients are asked not to hang around the ends of the trees as they are inside the boundary sleepers to limit the chance of them hitting the tree of the bolts.
Environmental	Wild animals interfering with the session (snakes, rabbits, reptiles, etc.)	Very unlikely	Extreme	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Instructor does a sweep of the area at the beginning of the day and at the start of the activity to make sure there are no animals. 2. If there is an animal that is proposing a risk, then each instructor is taught to remove the group from the risk and then deal with the situation in the appropriate manner. If they can't deal with the situation then someone who can is called in to deal with it.
	Bad weather affecting the activity (storms, heavy rain, heat waves, etc.)	Very unlikely	Extreme	4	1. Each instructor is taught how to read the weather by using the BOM and by observing the conditions. If there is any risk proposed then the activity is altered or, if needed, taken out of the program.

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<p>1. Each instructor is taught how to assess the safety of the elements and takes the precautions to deal with the risk. If the water can be dried up, then a towel is taken to the activity to do so. If not, then the activity is pulled out of the program.</p> <p>1. The Low ropes area is assessed at the beginning of the day and if there is any threat posed by branches potentially falling then it is dealt with before any clients come to the activity.</p> <p>1. If mosquitoes come out during the activity or are observed at the beginning of the day then mosquito spray is provided for clients to combat the mosquitos.</p> <p>1. The neighbouring dog is fenced out of the property and kept close to the main household, well away from the Low ropes area.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Likely</p>	<p>Elements being wet by rain and becoming slippery</p>	<p>Maintenance</p>
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<p>1. The neighbouring dog is fenced out of the property and kept close to the main household, well away from the Low ropes area.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Minor</p>	<p>Very unlikely</p>	<p>Mosquitoes interrupting the session</p>	
<p>1. The instructors performing the maintenance are trained how to perform the maintenance or are under the supervision of someone who is trained.</p> <p>2. Precautions are taken if there is a risk proposed while performing any maintenance on an element.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Major</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Equipment breaking while being repaired</p>	

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	Tools breaking while using them	Very Unlikely	Major	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All tools are in maintained to make sure they work safely and efficiently. 2. If a tool is not working this way, then it is removed from action either fully or until it is repaired.
	Misuse of tools	Very Unlikely	Major	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each instructor is trained to use the tools needed for any maintenance or are under supervision of someone who is trained.
Other	Strangers entering the campsite through the staff gate				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The staff gate is well signed to stop strangers from driving or entering the campsite. 2. If they do however, each instructor is trained in what to do and who to contact to sort it out.
	Interrupted by the initiatives group				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instructors of both the Low Ropes and initiatives activities are taught and do work together to make sure their groups spend less time being distracted by the other group and more time focusing on their own activity.


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Risk Matrix

Risk Priority Chart – from Qld Risk Management advisory standard 2000

(Risk scores of 1 or 2 indicates the activity may need to be re – designed or avoided unless tighter control measures can be implemented. Risk scores of 3 indicate caution must be exercised to ensure the activity control measures remain effective.)

Likelihood	Consequences			
	Extreme	Major	Moderate	Minor
Very Likely	1	2	3	4
Likely	2	3	4	5
Unlikely	3	4	5	6
Very Unlikely	4	5	6	7

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