

Risk Assessment Activity – Challenge Course

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<p>Overview: This takes place within a designated area and is out of bounds unless instructors are present. Instructors provide supervision of the group during this activity and have been in-house trained to lead the sessions. The course is inspected on an annual basis by High Times Technical Consultants to ensure all activities are in good working order and any recommended repairs are sorted based on urgency. Preferred Staff to Client ratio 1:12 with a maximum of 1:16.</p>				
Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability Severity Risk Category	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels	
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Maintenance of site is done by the activities team and maintenance team. Instructors visually check the area upon arrival. General brief and group management is provided by instructors to ensure activities are run safely.	
		Minor		
		Medium		
Incorrect use of equipment/elements leading to injury	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Guests briefed on hazards as they move around the course and instructor and group staff supervise the use. Helmets are worn by participants and instructors have gone through in-house training to ensure correct use of equipment and elements. It is advised by instructors not to hold onto wooden parts due to splinters as well as best not to put fingers in chains.	
		Major		
		Medium		
Fall from height on some of the elements	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Clear briefing on how to use and accessing course elements with height is given by instructors and instructors monitor and are ready to step in to prevent an accident.	
		Major		
		Medium		
Unauthorized access of equipment	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	"No Access" signs are in place on the fenced off area and gates. Guests are briefed about not accessing activities without staff.	
		Major		
		Medium		
Equipment & Element Failure	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Annual inspection of course by accredited inspector raise issues and repairs are carried out by activities and maintenance team. Monthly safety checks of equipment and elements are carried out by the activities team and issues raise to senior staff.	
		Major		
		Medium		