

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS
CHILDRENS SERVICES**



GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Artificial Cave

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: White Hall Centre

Date of Assessment

October 2020

Date of Issue

**Assessment
carried out by**

Dave Barker

Signature

Reviews

**Review
Date**

Reviewed by

Date

Changes Made

Y

N

Oct 21

J Harding

Mar 21

n

Mar 23

A Waring

Mar 22

N

Feb 24

D Riley

Feb 23

Y

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

☒

Staff

☒

Visitors

☒

Contractor

☐

Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

Signature:

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

I confirm that I am aware of and understand the findings of the Risk Assessment and agree to ensure that I will work to the stated Control Measures and bring to the attention of Management any deficiencies in the findings of the Assessment.

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RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
General	Instructors hold relevant national governing body award and / or go through White Hall internal sign off process Instructor to hold a valid first aid certificate Safety briefing to participants to include highlighting of specific problem areas Instructor to be in position to be aware of what is going on in the cave			Monitoring of Instructors Instructor refresher days Safety Culture of openness and sharing Incidents recorded and reviewed		
Impacts, Awkward falls / landings descending from upper sections	Helmets worn Highlighted in safety briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distance between participants Controlled descents from upper section. Awareness of proximity of other participants. What to do in the event of meeting another participant coming in the other direction. 			Helmet fitting checked by instructor and monitored throughout activity Any faulty helmets to be tagged and placed in the PPE bin.		
Friction Burns	Appropriate clothing to cover arms and legs Highlighted in safety briefing – speed / care of movement					
Entrapment, panic due to small space	Escape hatches in system Highlighted in safety briefing			Be aware that if safety hatches are left open then children could be vulnerable to risks associated with climbing on top of the tunnels. Ensure escape hatches are closed and brief participants accordingly.		
Finger Entrapment	Close supervision of entry and exit doors					
illness	Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. Parental consent & medical forms			Check medication that may need to be accessed immediately is carried on the activity e.g. inhaler/Epi-pen		

