

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
<p>Competency</p> <p>Equipment Malfunction</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Falling/impact/hit by moving object</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitably qualified & experienced instructor (includes First Aid) or have been through the internal sign off process. New instructors will receive a full induction. Clear briefings & supervision. All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment checked prior to use. Regular checks, maintenance & renewal schedule. Designated High & Low ropes responsibility. All equipment to correspond to required standards. Personal protective equipment checked for correct fitting & monitored throughout activity by the instructor. Any faulty equipment to be tagged and placed in the PPE bin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check weather forecast & equipment prior to session & observe conditions throughout. Change plans and equipment/elements used as necessary. Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing of students & Staff. Correct use of equipment. Induction of instructors. 	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of staff. Re-training days. Anything requiring attention recorded in ropes course log and reported to JG or PB. Safety culture of openness and sharing encouraged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly ropes course check. 3/6 monthly checks. Yearly Independent safety check carried out. Helmets & Harnesses fitting correctly & check by the instructor, helmets must be always worn within the vicinity of the crate stack area. Ensure re-checks are carried out if harness or helmets are removed at any point in the session. e.g., toilet break/ drinks break/extra clothing or removing a layer of clothing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of slip hazards: wooden elements when wet, ice/snow. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific Crate stack briefing: Being alert to the crates falling and what to do, when they do fall. Constant monitoring of participants and staff to ensure they are ready to evacuate the area quickly. Ensure the area is clear of trip hazards, including crates. Ropes to be kept extra tight, to avoid rope stretch. Instructor awareness of other users in the same area Culture of accident, incident & near miss reporting, reviewing, and sharing. Instructor to hold tail of rope if peer belaying used. 		

<p>Finger entrapment</p> <p>Illness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing of students & Staff. <p>Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. Parental consent & medical forms.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The risk of fingers entrapped between crates. <p>Check medication that may need to be accessed immediately is carried on the activity e.g., inhaler/Epi-pen.</p>		
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