Bonaly Scout Centre – Activity Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment - Problem Solving Team Challenges – ESCAPE!

No	Hazard	Who it effects	Unmanaged risk	Control measures	Managed risk
1	Insufficient Instruction/Supervision	Participants, activity leader/s & other site users	Medium	ESCAPE! sessions to be run by suitably qualified / experienced person. Adequate group control to be maintained at all times or session should be stopped.	Low
2	Faulty equipment	Participants	Medium	All equipment to be checked prior to each use.	Low
3	Injuries from: Falls, Slips, Ropes, Equipment and lifting.	Participants	Medium	Clear instructions given before undertaking each task. Instructors to assess conditions and not use activities that are too slippery. Appropriate activities matched to groups abilities. Participants must not run in the activity area.	Low
4	Hypo/Hyperthermia and exposure	Participants	Medium	Instructors to ensure participants have appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions and to monitor participants during the session.	Low
5	Medical conditions that could affect the activity	Participants	Medium	Instructors to check with group if there are any medical conditions/Injuries which may affect their participation.	Low
6	Slippery/uneven surfaces and trip hazards	Instructors & activity leader/s	Medium	Instructors to make participants aware of conditions underfoot. Extra care to be taken in wet weather. Participants must not run in the activity area.	Low
7	Shark Island – crush injuries & falls	Participants	High	The plank must only be supported by participants standing on one end to act as a counterbalance. They must not hold the plank in any way i.e. using hands, sitting on it, supporting from underneath with toes etc. Participants must not jump between platforms.	Low
8	Spider Web – entanglement and strangulation	Participants	Medium	The activity leader must by vigilant and pay particular attention elastic wrapping round participant's neck.	Low
9	Unexploded bomb – injury from lifting hook	Participants & activity leader/s	High	The ropes are to be pulled slowly and gently to prevent the lifting hook swinging out of controls and hitting a participant. Participants not operating a guide rope must be outside the red rope boundary. Participants operating the ropes must stand in the designated areas. Ropes must not be operated while the activity is being reset.	Low
10	Acid Lake – falling from crates	Participants & activity leader/s	Medium	Crates must be passed between participants; they must not be thrown. Crates must not be moved in any way while participants are standing on them – no holding crates and jumping them. Participants must not jump between crates.	Low

Assessor	Date	Review Date
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Standard Operating Procedure – All Activities

Activity leaders will be given copies of the Standard Operating Procedure, Risk Assessment and Instructions for the activity.

The safety of participants is at all times the responsibility of the supervisor.

The supervisor must:

Read and comply with the Standard operating procedure, Risk Assessment and Activity instructions.

Complete the sign out sheet before using the activity

Must supervise the activity for its entire duration and not hand over responsibility to any other person at any time.

Ensure there is adequate first aid provision.

Maintain adequate group control at all times.

Ensure participants are suitably attired for the prevailing weather conditions and activity.

Be aware of any participant medical conditions that may affect the activity.

Make participants aware of conditions underfoot.

Fully brief participants on the activity, paying particular attention to risks highlighted in the Risk Assessments and Standard Operating Procedures.

Report any loss or damage to the equipment/activity.

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Activity leaders must be particularly vigilant for the below risks

Shark Island

- Participants must not jump between the platforms
- The plank must only be supported by team members standing on one end to act as a counterbalance. **Participants must not hold the plank in any way i.e., using hands, sitting on it, supporting from underneath with toes etc.**

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Unexploded Bomb

- Participants not operating a guide rope must be outside the red boundary rope.
- Participants operating the ropes must stand in the designated areas (hoops on the ground).
- **The ropes are to be pulled slowly and gently to prevent the lifting hook swinging out of controls and hitting a anyone**.
- Ropes must not be operated while the activity is being reset.

Acid Lake

- Crates must be passed between participants; they must not be thrown.
- Crates must not be moved in any way while participants are standing on them – no holding crates and jumping them.
- Participants must not jump between crates.