

**RISK ASSESMENT GORGE WALKING GHILL SCRAMBILING**

Date of assessment: 01/10/2007

Assessors name: Paul Beadle

Assessor's position: Director

HAZARD	LOCATION	PERSON/S AT RISK	POTENTIAL OUTCOME	RISK LEVEL	CONTROLS
Slips trips or falls	Working Area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Site inspected by event leader and land owner to identify and mark inherent hazards in advance of event. Site, tools and equipment contained and kept safe and tidy. Sturdy footwear with firm grip to be worn by all as prerequisite for attendance. Event leader to monitor and control personnel and work area. Particular attention to ground and weather conditions on day of event. Information and safety brief prior to event commencement.
Contact with soil borne micro-organisms	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	Medium	Wash hands before eating or drinking. Ensure washing facilities are available. All broken skin to be covered. Any cut or scrape to be cleaned and covered promptly. instructor first aid qualified and first aid kit available.
Weather	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	High	Obtain detailed weather forecast before event. Avoid exposing skin to sunlight. Be prepared to abandon event or change venue if conditions deteriorate or if participants are incorrectly equipped, show signs of discomfort or if conditions are increasing potential risk. Event leader to check local conditions prior to event. Monitor weather condition throughout event and act accordingly.
Hit from falling objects	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	High	Helmet to be worn at all times Instructor to asses and inspect route for loos objects prior to start of activity.
Fall from height	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	High	Correctly fitted helmet to be worn at all times. Careful route choice by group leader to avoid hazards. Appropriate use of spotting techniques. Consider protecting sections with use of rope.
Entrapment	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Low	Any rope system to be used will be releasable. Avoidance of identifiable vegetation or rock hazards. Good group briefing on foot placements.

Jumps and slides into pools	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	Pools carefully checked for hazards before use. Appropriate footwear to be used. Briefing and demonstration to clients on good practice prior to use.
Drowning	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	Low	Appropriate group leader ratio for each group. Competent qualified supervision and management of group. Prior knowledge of participants water confidence Buoyancy aids worn for venues where participants are required to swim out of their own depth
Hypothermia	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Low	Appropriate clothing for conditions encountered to be worn Awareness of participants condition throughout the activity, continuous assessment. Appropriate emergency equipment to be readily available.
Sudden spate conditions	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Low	Good knowledge of venue to be used essential. Obtain detailed weather forecast with information of previous day(s) conditions. Site inspections by group leaders prior to commencement of activity.
Other site users	Working area	All staff and clients	Major	Medium	Operation of other site users to be identified and constantly monitored. Where risk to other users from our activities is identified, our activities will be modified. Discussions with other site users prior to commencement to avoid conflicts and risk to all parties.
Jewellery and piercings		All clients	Major	High	All rings, earrings and piercings should be removed or covered with appropriate tape.

Signed:



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