

**RISK ASSESMENT ROCK CLIMBING AND ABSEILING**

Date of assessment: 01/01/2008

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 climbing.

Fall from height	Working area	All staff and Clients	Fatal	High	Safe and efficient rope system to be employed. Helmet and harness to be worn at all times. Climbing to be supervised by SPA qualified instructor minimum. Bouldering height to be limited to shoulder height only. Effective spotting to be used.
Entanglement during abseiling	Working area	All staff and Clients	Major	Medium	Releasable abseil rope system only to be used and supervised by SPA qualified instructor minimum.
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. Belly piercings need to be removed to avoid injury from harnesses.

Signed:

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