

Activity Description & Location

Flying Fox

USE RATING: B



- Use: A Must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff
 B In house training at Baptist Camping Victoria required before using this equipment
 C Safe operating procedures must be read and adhered to by all users of this equipment
 D Does not apply

| Risk | Risk Factor | Likelihood | Consequences | Initial Level of Risk | Description of risk | Risk management strategy | Revised Level of Risk |
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| Moving pulley | Hand injury from pulley entanglement | Rare | Critical | LOW | 1.Activity leader or participant may get hand caught on moving pulley when flying fox is running | 1.Reduction by instruction to not touch pulley when moving 2.Pulley must have covering to prevent hand getting between moving parts 3.Participants should not be able to reach cable or pulley whilst on flying fox | LOW |
| Ladder | Climbing up and down ladder | Possible | Minor | LOW | 1.Participants may fall climbing up or going down ladder 2.Ladder not connected properly 3.Ladder becoming slippery during wet weather 4.Splinters from wooden ladder 5.Head injury from falling | 1.Ensure participants face platform climbing up/going down ladder and hold on with both hands 2.A <i>spotter</i> should be at the bottom of the ladder supporting climbers 3.Ladder to be manually inspected prior to each session to check connection 4.Check ladder is not slippery prior to commencing activity 5.Check ladder prior to each session for splinters and damage 6.Participants must wear approved helmet whilst climbing up and down ladder | LOW |
| Harness | Entanglement in harness or injury | Unlikely | Major | MEDIUM | 1.Harness not put on correctly may cause internal injury on impact 2.Participant may slip out of harness if it is not fitting correctly 3.Damage to harness may cause weaknesses and breaks to harness | 1.Activity leader must visually check all harnesses prior to climbing to ensure correct fitting 2.All harnesses must be of industry standard and maintained appropriately by activity leader 3.No loose clothing or jewellery to be worn by participants which may become entangled in harness | LOW |
| Exposure to elements | Exposure to heat, rain, cold, storms | Possible | Moderate | MEDIUM | 1.Participants may suffer heatstroke or sunstroke in extreme heat, especially children or elderly 2.Risk of electrocution in storms 3.Risk of hypothermia in cold conditions 4.Risk of slipping in wet conditions | 1.Wear sun protection in hot weather 2.Do not run activity in temperatures above 34°C 3.Do not conduct activity in storms to minimise risk of electrocution 4.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions 5.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions | LOW |
| Runners | Falling over, being hit by fox, slipping, being pulled backward | Likely | Minor | MEDIUM | 1.Falling over whilst running fox back to platform 2.Being pulled backward by weight of fox once getting to platform 3.Benig hit by fox whilst running down to retrieve fox | 1.Inform runners prior to collecting participants about risk of running back, ensure runners work in pairs 2.Manually check runway at beginning of each session for trip hazards such as branches or tree roots 3.Activity leader should not let fox go from platform until runway is clear 4.Have adult or leader on ground in front of platform to assist in | LOW |

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| Flying Fox seat | Falling out of seat or seat breaking | Rare | Major | LOW | 1.Flying fox seat may break whilst participant is going down the flying fox 2.Participant may fall out of seat | 1.Seat must be checked daily by activity leader prior to each session and quarterly then checked yearly by an outside provider 2.Participants are clipped in using tri-locking carabiner to strop so if they fall from seat they do not hit the ground 3.Participants must wear helmet to protect head in case of fall | LOW |
| Entanglement | Entanglement in rope or strop | Unlikely | Minor | LOW | 1.Participant may become entangled in strop, rope or flying fox seat | 1.Activity leader must ensure participant is connected correctly and no limbs or body parts are tangled in connections prior to leaving platform 2.Participants should be warned during briefing of risks 3.Participants must have their long hair tied up and no loose clothing on | LOW |
| Platform | Falling off platform whilst waiting for turn | Rare | Major | LOW | 1.Participant may fall off platform whilst waiting to be clipped into flying fox 2.Activity leader may fall off platform whilst reaching to collect participants | 1.Have safety line connected to participants waiting for their turn 2.Do not have more than 2 participants on platform at any time 3.Activity leader to ensure barrier around top of platform is in safe working order, checked daily, quarterly and yearly by outside provider 3.Activity leader must be wearing industry standard harness and clipped in through carabiner at all times whilst on platform to prevent risk of fall | LOW |