

Activity Description & Location
Low Ropes Course

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
Frays on cables	Cables snapping under pressure	Rare	Major	LOW	1.Frays on cables may show signs of weakness, under pressure or force they may snap causing element to break and participant to fall. 2.Cable may hit participant if snapped.	1.Check all cables daily, record this on LANDSCAPER form 2.Have cables checked by outside company yearly	LOW
Entanglement in cables	Risk of falling if feet become entangled in cables	Possible	Major	MEDIUM	1.Risk of falling off an element if feet become entangled in ropes or cables	1.Ensure <i>spotters</i> are nearby, supporting participant 2.Ensure no extra loose cables or ropes are around activity area unless it is part of the activity 3.Reduction by instruction on how to safely use equipment during activity briefing 4.Participants must all have hair tied up and no loose clothing or jewellery	LOW
Slippery surfaces	Slipping on elements and falling causing injury	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Risk of slipping on wood if it becomes wet or damaged. 2.Participant may be wearing shoes without appropriate grip to prevent slipping	1.Ensure all participants have appropriate footwear with grip prior to participation. 2.If elements are wet and slippery, do not use until safe to do so. 3.If elements show excessive wear and have become slippery, do not use until safe to do so.	LOW
Spotting	Climber falling on a <i>spotter</i> causing crushing injury	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Participant may fall on <i>spotters</i> during course causing injury to <i>spotters</i> if they both hit the ground. 2.Participant may land on <i>spotters</i> causing arm or wrist injury as they try to assist	1.Ensure <i>spotters</i> know correct spotting technique prior to participation to minimise risk and ensure best practice is being adhered to. 2.Participants should not have pre-existing wrist/arm injuries when spotting, leader should check this with each participant prior to commencement	LOW
Trip on activity elements	Participant tripping over cables/ropes/elements	Likely	Minor	MEDIUM	1.Participants may trip over elements when walking from one to the next	1.Instruct participants to walk, not run around activity elements. 2.Ensure softfall is under all elements and 5cm thick	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	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	LOW

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Animals	Stings by ants, snakes, spiders, bees	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Participants may be bitten by animals within the low ropes course area	1.Reduction by instruction 2.Staff must have first aid kit with them at activity 3.Reduce risk by filling in ant holes 4.Reduce leaf litter and ground coverage that may attract snakes	LOW