

BCV RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE



LOW ROPES – MILL VALLEY RANCH

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	Likelihood	Consequences	Initial Level of Risk	Description of risk	Risk management strategy	Revised level of risk
Slip, Trip, Fall	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Participants tripping on elements 2.Small falls off elements 3.Slip on tyres/boards/wires	1. Ensure two spotters are spotting either side of the participant at all times. 2. Encourage good technique in managing the elements 3. Warn participants of any perceived dangers.	LOW
Exposure to elements	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.Cease activity when thunder is audible. 4.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions 5.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions 6. Encourage adequate fluid intake.	LOW
Bites & Stings	Possible	Major	MEDIUM	1.Participants may be bitten by wildlife	1.Warn participants of potential risk. 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
Cut or Stabbed	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Participants fall on objects imbedded in ground.	1. Check surrounds prior to activity and remove any hazards 2.Ensure sufficient soft fall is spread evenly beneath each element	LOW
Struck, crushed or entangled	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Hit by moving element 2.Entangled in element	1.Encourage awareness of surroundings and activity. 2.Encourage awareness of other participants and their adherence to safe use of the activity.	LOW
Ergonomic injury	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Participants injure themselves lifting themselves through elements 2.Lifting and returning elements 3.Participant falls on a spotter	1.Instruct and supervise correct lifting techniques 2.Remind spotters to remain alert and ready for a fall.	LOW
Rope burn	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Participant loses balance and grabs a rope 2.Participant falls and brushes past rope on descent.	1.Instruct which elements have a high risk and instruct greater attention to safe use by participant 2.Instruct greater attention be given by spotters at higher risk elements	LOW
Muscle strain	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.Mobile elements cause injury	1.Encourage precaution with mobile elements	LOW



RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

Baptist Camping Victoria prioritises safety for all activities and uses this Risk Matrix as a tool to assess and manage risk effectively.

		Consequence				
		Minor	Moderate	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	High	Extreme
	Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme

Consequence	Minor	Moderate	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Health and Safety	Injury treatable in workplace (First aid)	Minor injury requiring professional medical attention or lost time from workplace	Injury requiring hospitalisation	Major Injury requiring prolonged hospitalisation and rehabilitation.	Injury causing significant permanent disability or death

Likelihood	Definition
Almost certain	Is expected to occur; almost inevitable
Likely	Will occur in most circumstances; not surprising if it happens
Possible	Possible or likely to occur in some circumstance
Unlikely	Could occur in some circumstances; surprised if it happens
Rare	May occur only in rare or exceptional circumstances, but would be highly unexpected