

Activity Description:

Whip Cracking & Roping

Location:

Mill Valley Ranch



- Use:**
- A** Activity must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff.
 - B** In-house training by Baptist Camping Victoria staff required before using this equipment.
 - C** No training required, but all Safe Operating Procedures must be read and followed by all users.
 - D** 'Use Rating' does not apply/is not required.

Activity Use Rating: A / B

(See Guide Below)

(Refer to RISK MANAGEMENT MODEL over Page)

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	Activity/Task Hazard Identification				
✓	Being cut or stabbed	H	Being hit with tail of whip	Encourage spatial awareness of those around, maintaining a safe distance (5m) from other participants, not walking around cracking, but staying stationary	L
✓	Struck, crushed, or entangled	H	Being hit with whip handle, being hit with whip, being hit with rope	Encourage spatial awareness of those around, maintaining a safe distance (5m) from other participants, not walking around cracking, but staying stationary	L
✓	Manual handling/ergonomics	M	Hurting shoulder while using whip or ropes	Encourage proper technique at lower speeds and intensity, before stepping up to using more force, teaching it isn't how hard, but having the correct technique	L
	Infectious agents or materials		N/A		
✓	Slips, trips, or falls/uneven surfaces	M	Over balance when using whips or ropes, getting ropes caught around ankles, rolling ankle on uneven surfaces	Promote a correct stance and proper technique, ensure surface being used is appropriate for the task, ensure proper closed toe footwear	L
✓	Other factor: Rope burn	M	Having rope run over skin or pulled from hands	Encourage proper technique, and promote caution when pulling back on the ropes once deployed, discourage wrapping ropes around other participants, especially ankles	L
	Workplace Conditions/ Environmental Hazard Identification				
✓	Extremes of temperature	L	Sunburn, Dehydration	Proper SunSmart practices and take regular breaks, use shelter where possible / practical	L
	High wind or humidity		N/A		
✓	Inadequate light	L	Not being able to see whips or ropes when using, increasing chance of being hit	Activity should only be conducted in daylight, or adequate alternative light	L
	Dusts, fumes, or vapours	H	Dust or sand getting eyes from ropes or whips	Encourage caution when roping in the indoor, brush off before using again	L
✓	Exposure to UV or other radiation	L	Sunburn, Dehydration	Proper SunSmart practices, take regular breaks, use shelter where possible / practical	L
	Access in emergency situations		N/A		
✓	Nuisance Noise	L	Noise from cracking whips annoying neighbours	Use of the whips should only be done during daylight hours, to avoid complaints and creating nuisance noise	L

RISK MATRIX

Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2011

This WHS Act 2011 is used by Baptist Camping Victoria on Risk Management Assessment Forms

		CONSEQUENCE				
		MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CRITICAL	CATASTROPHIC
LIKELIHOOD	RARE	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
	UNLIKELY	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	POSSIBLE	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	LIKELY	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	EXTREME
	AMOST CERTAIN	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME

CONSEQUENCE	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CRITICAL	CATASTROPHIC
OH&S DESCRIPTION	Injury in the Workplace (first aid may be required)	Minor injury requiring professional medical attention, or lost time from the workplace	Injury requiring hospitalisation	Major injury requiring prolonged hospitalisation and rehabilitation	Injury causing significant permanent disability or death

LIKELIHOOD	DESCRIPTION
AMOST CERTAIN	Is expected to occur, almost inevitable
LIKELY	Will occur in most circumstances, not surprised if it happens
POSSIBLE	Possible or likely to occur in some circumstances
UNLIKELY	Could occur in some circumstances, surprised if it happens
RARE	May occur only in rare or exceptional circumstances, but would be highly unexpected