

BCV RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE



USE RATING: B

LOW ROPES - WILKIN

- 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
Frays on cables	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 annually	LOW
Entanglement 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 5.Participants must be wearing a helmet at all times	LOW
Slip, Trip, Fall	Likely	Minor	MEDIUM	1.Risk of slipping on wood if it becomes wet or damaged. 2.Participant may be wearing shoes without appropriate grip to prevent slipping 3.Participants may trip over elements when walking from one to the next	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. 4.Participants must be wearing a helmet at all times. 5.Instruct participants to walk, not run around activity elements. 6.Ensure adequate softfall is under all elements	LOW
Crushing	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 3.Where possible, have spotters of similar size to the participant.	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	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	LOW

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				4.Risk of slipping in wet conditions	5.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions	
Bites & Stings	Possible	Major	MEDIUM	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



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