



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Traversing Risk Assessment (please also read Generic Site RA)

Activity: TRAVERSING		Reviewed By: Barry Goswell						Updated: Apr 2023		
		Reviewed if methods change and/or after incidents, NOT reviewed annually								
Activity/Hazard	Who is at risk	Before Control Measures			Control Measures			After Control Measures		
		Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating	Please see Generic Site Risk Assessment for explanation of risk ratings			Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating
Accidents and First Aid										
Instructor Qualifications	Staff & users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific qualifications or permits are required to run the traverse wall, but the instructor must be fully trained and signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid Explorer Crew aged 14 or over can supervise sessions but only if fully trained & signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid For self-led sessions, the activity must be supervised by a responsible person who takes overall charge of the session and has signed the related conditions of use. This should ideally be someone aged 18 or over Instructors must be aware of this Risk Assessment & the Generic Site RA 			1	2	2
Previous or current Medical injury\condition	Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that participants have no injuries or suffer with back/neck problems Ensure no one has internal organ complaints that will be affected by the activity Anyone who feels unwell, suffering from the effects of drugs/ alcohol or pregnancy must not take part 			1	1	1
Injury due to personal belongings	Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the participants do not have any personal items such as phones or keys in their pockets Glasses should be removed if possible but depends on the level of visual impairment 			1	1	1
Failure of equipment	Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked for obvious faults before, during and after each session 			1	3	3

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any damage should be reported to the Duty Manager & the equipment should not be used until inspected, repaired & deemed safe All equipment has a detailed inspection quarterly & results logged 			
First Aid required	Staff & users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group is responsible for having their own First Aid kit All staff on site are first aid trained and large First Aid kits are available at Reception, Providore & Crew Hut All staff aware of site emergency plan and carry a site radio 	1	3	3
General use of Traversing Wall	Staff & users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max group size of 12 to 15 Safety talk given to users at start of session 	1	3	2
Injured feet	Staff & Users	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bare feet allowed; appropriate footwear must be worn 	1	1	1
Slips, trips and falls								
Trips	Staff & Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity area should be kept tidy, personal belongings are put on or under the bench Helmets are stored on the pegs or in the helmet bag when not in use 	1	2	2
Fall whilst traversing	Users	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 6 people traversing on the wall at a time, more can be on the wall for static games Ideally, and especially for younger groups & at the beginning of the session, there could be one spotter for every participant traversing (a spotter being a fellow participant or leader who stands behind a traverser to help support them if they should slip off) Participants must wear provided helmets correctly (see diagram at the end of the Risk Assessment) Participant's feet must NOT go above the red line on the wall, failure to comply will dramatically increase the risk of serious injury Ensure the rubber crash mats are in place all around the base of the wall The rest of the traversing wall area is covered by rubber chipping should be a minimum of 20cm deep Heavy rain, snow or ice can make the wall more slippery & increase the risk of falling so consider stopping the session in worsening conditions 	2	2	4

Unauthorised use of wall	Staff & Users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Compound is fenced with a locked gate & ensure it is locked between & at the end of sessions •Key is secure in Site Office, Crew Hut or on staff's person •Group leaders and staff to monitor for unauthorised access 	1	3	3
Lighting								
Risks increase as light reduces	Staff & Users	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensure lights are switched on during or after dusk •The switch for traversing lights is in the adult toilets utility cupboard which should only be accessed by site staff 	1	3	3
Electrical Safety								
Shock from lights	Staff & Users	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Simple permanent circuit with appropriately IP rated LED lights used •Tested in the 5-year cycle of building electrical testing with the Adult Toilet block 	1	3	3
Manual Handling								
Injured by traverser	Staff & Users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •When assisting traversers, take not create a risk of personal injury •Support participants but do not "catch" if already falling 	1	2	2

The areas below were considered and weren't deemed a risk at the time of the assessment:

Fire safety

COSHH

Gas Safety

Food Hygiene

Hazardous Buildings/Glazing

Display Screen Equipment



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HOW TO WEAR A HELMET CORRECTLY



- ✓ **HELMET IS LEVEL ON TOP OF EYE BROWS**
- ✓ **CHIN STRAP IS FASTENED UNDER CHIN**



- ✗ **HELMET IS NOT LEVEL ON TOP OF EYE BROWS**



- ✗ **CHIN STRAP IS NOT FASTENED**



- ✗ **CHIN STRAP IS NOT UNDER CHIN AND IS TOO TIGHT**



- ✓ **PULL THE TABS AWAY FROM EACH OTHER TO TIGHTEN THE HELMET TO THE HEAD**

CHECK THE HELMET BY SHAKING YOUR HEAD. IF THE HELMET MOVES AROUND, TIGHTEN CHINSTRAP AND REAR FASTENER THEN RECHECK