

Risk Assessment Record Sheet:

THE VINES

Activity/situation:	High Ropes – The Vines
Qualification of staff:	On-site assessed or SPA
Qualification of assistant:	Competent adult (if applicable)

General Associated Hazards:	Associated Risks:	Who is at Risk:	Existing Control Measures:	Responsibility:
Clients health unsuitable for activity	Asthma attacks, heart attacks, epilepsy etc.	All group adults and children	Health check for participants	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Clients ability unsuitable for activity	Injuries or pulled muscles	All group adults and children	Assess groups ability and adjust session accordingly	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Clients behaviour unsuitable for activity	Injuries	All group adults and children	See Health and Safety Policy - Client Behaviour	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Injury to clients	Various, including, breaks, sprains, cuts, bruises etc.	All group adults and children	See Health and Safety Policy – On-site Emergency Procedures See Instructor File – Session and Procedure Standards in-house training	Health and Safety Manager, Senior Instructor and Activity Instructor
Weather	Lightning strikes, hypothermia, heat stroke/ exhaustion	All group adults and children	Check the weather, cancel session if appropriate. Make sure group is adequately clothed and protected.	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants

Specific Associated Hazards:	Associated Risks:	Who is at Risk:	Existing Control Measures:	Responsibility:
Incorrect sizing of P.P.E	Fall resulting in injuries	All group adults and children	Assess the group's size and equipment accordingly. Only clients with correctly sized P.P.E. may participate.	Activity Instructor
Inversion	Incorrect loading of harness and falling	Climber	All Participants to wear sit harness with associated chest harness when appropriate.	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Bang head on element	Head injuries	Climber	All participants to wear a helmet on the Ropes Course and mention in safety talk.	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Falling Objects	Head injuries	All group members	Safe zones Established or helmets to be worn if clients are in the drop zone.	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants
Falling	Minor to major injuries or fatalities	Climber	Instructor to use correct and recognised belaying practice at all times and to maintain	Activity Instructor
Emotional Injury	Emotional Injury	Climber	Instructor to maintain 'challenge by choice' philosophy	Activity Instructor
Entanglement in vines	Rope burn, strangulation	Climber	Instructor to explain best practice to avoid becoming entangled, in safety talk. Instructor to maintain suitable tension on the connecting rope at all times.	Activity Instructor
Equipment Failure	Minor to major injuries or fatalities	Climber	Annual, Monthly and daily checks to be carried out on ropes course. (see policy) Instructor to visually check belay wires and general course condition prior to use. Instructor to log ropes in & out.	Health and Safety Manager, Senior Instructor and Activity Instructor
Rescue Situations	Entrapment, General injuries, suspension trauma	Climber and rescuer	An instructor who is deemed competent to carry out a cut away rescue and tracer re-thread is on site while the ropes course is in use.	Health and Safety Manager, Senior Instructor and Activity Instructor
Fall from ladder	Breaks, bruises, sprains etc.	Climber and rescuer	Ladders to be footed or tied to pole.	Activity Instructor
Injury to fingers / ears	Breaks, bruises, sprains etc.	Climber and rescuer	Remove all jewellery	Group leader, Activity Instructor and participants

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