



Hazard	Risk Element	Risk Severity	Possible Risks	Action recommended	Review / Comments
Instructor Falling	Low	Medium	Instructor falls while leaning out or adjusting abseiler's rig.	Instructors to have an independent safety line at all times.	
Impact from falling objects	Low	Low	Dropping or knocking of items from abseil platform.	Instructor to ensure that spare equipment is kept clipped to a harness or the structure.	All Abseilers and Instructors must wear the provided Helmets
Equipment Failure	Low	High	Failure of Harness	Tend to Abseiler and administer appropriate first aid. Item to be removed from service and reported to Stuart.	All equipment is provided by Hallowtree and regularly inspected according to the active equipment Log
	Low	Medium	Single Rope or Anchor failure	Items to be removed from service and reported to Stuart.	
	Low	High	Multiple Rope or Anchor failure	Administer appropriate first aid. Items to be removed from service after photographs are taken of setup scenario. Report to be made to Stuart & Site Warden	
Structure Failure	Low	High	Failure of Scaffold Structure	Ensure that structure appears sound when setting up. Use alternative anchor or abort session if in doubt.	Scaffold structure is regularly inspected by scaffold company.
Entanglement in system	Medium	Medium	Trapping of Hair or fingers within system	Ensure proper guidance and instruction to avoid entrapment giving constant reminders on descent and by control of the safety rope. Long hair to be tied back and scarves tucked in clothing.	

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Rope Burn	Low	Medium	Possible rope burn to hands when descending quickly.	Make abseiler aware of this on briefing and assist in regulating speed via safety rope. Administer first aid if required.	
Falling from Structure while waiting	Low	High	Waiting Abseiler falls while waiting for their turn	ALL waiting abseilers to be attached to the structure with an independent safety line.	
Slipping during Abseil	Medium	Medium	Abseiler's feet can slip away from under them or they step off platform early.	Instructor to give constant and precise instruction to the abseiler to avoid slipping or inversion on their decent.	
Ascending or descending stairs	Medium	Medium	Participants slip or fall while using the stairs.	Participants should be told to walk and use both hands on the handrails provided.	
Weather Conditions	Medium	Medium	Slippery surfaces due to Rain, Snow or Frost	Advise that stairs and platform may be wet, slippery and cold to touch.	Consideration to the current and forecast weather conditions should be made before and during the activity.
	Low	High	Outbreak of Thunderstorm or Lightning	Remove all participants from the structure and enclosure immediately.	
	Medium	Medium	Windy conditions	Instructors should give additional instruction to offset the impact of the wind. Consideration to abort abseiling should be made in windier conditions.	
Horseplay	Low	Low	Inappropriate behaviour of waiting members of the group.	The group's leader in charge is responsible for the general behaviour of the group and this should be outlined in the activity briefing. If Instructor needs to intervene then ensure the safety of any Abseiler before doing so.	If Instructor intervention is required then it is suggested that the activity is suspended.
	Medium	Medium	Inappropriate behaviour of an Abseiler.	Firm instruction and guidance must be given to ensure that the Abseiler does not introduce additional risks by acting inappropriately.	Suggested Activity suspension for all if Abseiler does not comply. Involve group leader and piers if required.



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Hypo/Hyperthermia and Exposure	Low	Medium	Instructors and participants become subject to extremes of heat, cold or exposure	Instructors and group leaders to ensure that all participants are wearing suitable clothing for the conditions and adapt to any change in them. Instructors must stay suitably hydrated and take breaks or rotate roles to stay alert.	
Structure Failure	Low	Severe	Failure of the Tower, Telegraph pole, Cable or Guys	Activity must be shut down immediately. Appropriate first aid administered. Then reported immediately to the site warden or activity owner	

**Review History**

Review Date	Completed by	Recommendation
7/1/2012	Stuart Whitmore	
9-8-2013	Stuart Whitmore	Major adjustment to risks and actions. Introduction of the risk severity column