

ACTIVITIES USING ROPE OR STRING RISK ASSESSMENT

This activity risk assessment must be used in conjunction with:

Risk Assessments: General Welfare & Weather

Procedures: Blindfold Activities

Specific Site Woodland Assessment

Site Safety

Related Activity Risk Assessments

Tools

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	PROBABILITY (P) 1-5	SEVERITY (S) 1-5	RATING (P) X (S) 1-25	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN	BY WHO/ confirmation of understanding or completion
1	Weather	The Group & Leaders	A General Welfare & weather risk assessment completed				The group will be fully equipped to deal with potential dangers arising from poor weather and welfare issues.	CC/PM need to check weather forecasts and ensure all safety equipment is in position.
2	Woodland Site	The Group & Leaders	Woodland Site specific Risk Assessment completed				The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the woodlands Site Risk Assessment.	CC/PM will ensure that the woodlands Risk Assessment is used on site and aspects highlighted.
3	Visibility	The Group & Leaders	Rope that is used to span areas for trails that may cause a hazard if not clearly marked is bright blue nylon.	3	3	9	Other markers can be used to increase visual impact such as hanging bags, felt strips or objects off the rope/string.	CC/PM will must ensure that any rope that could cause harm is made of a bright material with appropriate marking.
4	Rope Burn	The Group & Leaders	Gloves will be worn if an activity involves pulling a heavy rope.	2	2	4	Activities involving rope pulling will be controlled tightly by qualified staff.	CC/PM will ensure all correct safety procedures are in place.

5	Trip	The Group & Leaders	Ropes will be made out of a bright coloured material.	2	2	4	Groups will be practised at using ropes to avoid putting them where people can trip over them.	CC/PM will advise the group of how to avoid trip hazards.
6	Entanglement	The Group & Leaders	The use of ropes follows the rope use safety procedure.	1	5	5	Follow Rope safety procedures.	CC/PM carries an effective cutting blade at all times.
7	Catching neck	The Group & Leaders	Ropes will be made out of bright materials.	2	3	6	Groups using ropes will avoid putting them at a height where people could walk into them.	CC/PM will advise the group of how to avoid putting ropes at neck height.
8	Pulleys failing	The Group & Leaders	All equipment is checked regularly to meet specified Health and Safety standards.	1	4	4	Leaders will check any pulleys being used and will decommission a pulley if a defect has been detected.	CC/PM to check equipment before use.

RATING- The **probability** multiplied by the **severity** gives a figure from 1 to 25. Any hazard scoring above **12** will need to have immediate additional control measures put in place to prevent a serious incident.