

Foxlease Park Risk Assessment



Location:	Crates Compound	Assessor:	N Hogan-Cottiee		
Date of Assessment	11/6/2025	Date of review	11/6/20226		
Description of area or activity	crate challenge				
Equipment used:	Sit harness, chest harness, bridge sling, helmets, ropes, karabiners and Petzl rig				

Risk factor scoring colour codes				1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 10		
Hazard	Description of potential accident/injury/loss	Who is affected	Precautions/controls already in place	Risk Factor = S x L			Further control measures applied	Action by:
				Severity	Likelihood	Factor		
Falling to the ground from a high level	major injury, possible death cover quote fall	participants	Instructor provides a safety briefing. All participants are tied onto a safety rope before leaving the ground. Equipment is checked before use, in addition to regular PPE inspections by competent and qualified staff. Sessions checked for safety by an appropriately experienced/qualified person. Qualified instructors to be in control of the safety rope all time as per safe operating procedures.	5	1	5	Are trained and assessed in operating procedures for the activity.	instructor
Falling to the ground from a low level	possible minor entry from a low level fall	participants	instructors to ensure slack is taken out of the system. In structure to be aware that the first few feet of the first few steps present the highest risk of falling to the ground. Adequate supervision of the belay team.	2	3	6		Instructor
injury due to ill-fitting equipment	major injury, possible death, from fall	participants	All instructors are trained in the correct use and fitting of sit harness/chest harnesses and full body harnesses. Instructors to check participants harness before and join the session to ensure that it is tight around the waist. Good to go cheques as per the safe operating	5	1	5	Instructor session observations are undertaken by an appropriate experience\ qualified person as per the safe operating procedures.	Instructor

			procedures to be made. The weight limit on the activity is 100 kgs					
Failure of equipment	major injury, possible death, from fall	All users	Equipment is tested and inspected at manufacturing. A 6-monthly inspection by qualified inspectors. A 3-monthly inspection by qualified/trained staff. A weekly inspection is done by qualified/trained staff. Before/During use inspection done by instructor. Weight limit on activities is 100 kgs	5	1	5	All equipment issues as per manufacturers guidelines	Foxlease Park Senior staff
Slips, Trips & Falls (Ground height)	Minor injuries	Participants Instructors Leader	Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Be made aware of any steps or objects on the ground. Shoe laces to be tied up. Appropriate Footwear to be worn inside compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. No running in the compound.	3	2	6		instructor
Adverse weather: lightening	hit by lightning possible death	all users	Activity not to be used in lightning weather. Activity not to be used in strong winds. No running in the compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. Appropriate lighting when required. Weather forecast will be checked by senior member of staff on the day.	3	1	3	The 3030 rule is followed open brackets if the flash to bang is 30 seconds in length would less you should seek some shelter. Staying inside the shelter is advised until 30 minutes past the last clap at Thunder close brackets	instructor
adverse weather: high wind	customers blown off the elements unexpectedly and get tangled in the elements, possible cuts and bruises	all users	the activity will be cancelled if the winds are forecast higher than 25 mph- if during the day the wind speeds exceed 25 mph the activity will be postponed until the wind reduces or it would be rescheduled	3	1	3		instructor
Slips, trips and falls from uneven ground	minor injuries, bruises, sprains and strains.	All users	have typically takes place in the natural environment where the ground is often uneven, wait, slippery. Participants and instructors to wear appropriate clothes to footwear for the environment. In areas where added protection has been used such as matting, woodchip, artificial flooring then this must be well maintained and fit for use.	2	3	6		instructor

Structure Failure	structural failure and whilst in use affecting the users and the people in the media presenting causing serious injury or death	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators	Structure inspection by external assessors (non-tree elements). Arborists report on tree elements. 3 Monthly inspection on structure (non-tree elements). Weekly visual inspection from ground level by qualified/trained staff. Before/During use inspection done by instructor. 6ft Fenced area for compound.	5	1	5		
Entanglement	Jewellery, clothing or other items trapped causing equipment failure	Participants	Ensure all Long hair is tied up/back as appropriate. Non-loose clothing to be worn. Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding.	4	2	6		instructor
Falling objects	Possible injuries	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators	Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. 6ft Fenced area for compound. 1-2 person to be near stack at a time, keeping area clear as possible. Arborists report on trees.	5	1	5		Instructor
Behavioural Problems	crowd control causing the instructor to need to intervene. Quick behaviour causing instructor to intervene and stop safeguarding level is higher due to only one staff member present	Participants Instructors Leaders	each group will be accompanied by a responsible adult they are responsible for the behaviour and the pastoral care of the group who stop, however on occasion that the leader may need to step away from the activity. Instructors up at safeguarding training and are aware of their position within the group.				Instructors are aware if they need to, they can end slash pause the session or help the participants it out. Instructions can radio the office for a senior member of staff for backup if required.	Instructor
Crates falling down and hitting those on the ground.	Minor injury from impact of falling objects	all users	instructors to ensure that towers are built with short axis of crate facing teams. Therefore, the crates will fall away from the belay team. Those not directly taking part in the activity are to be given clear instructions where to wait, eg sitting on the bench.	3	9	9	Everyone in the compound will be wearing a helmet	Instructor