

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

Challenge Course Risk Assessment

What are the hazards? What can cause harm?	Who might be harmed	What are you already doing? What are you doing to control hazards and the chance of someone getting hurt?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk? By following this risk assessment, are the hazards & chances of someone being harmed adequately controlled?
		See 'Generic Site Risk Assessment'	
Slipping off elements when wet.	Group & Instructor	Brief participants that elements may be slippery and appropriate footwear to be worn while on the course. The elements have been built close to the ground.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Debris	Group & Instructor	Long trousers are compulsory to wear on the challenge course. Instructor to check the course and, if possible, remove any debris prior to activity starting.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Rope burn	Group & Instructor	Brief people to go slow through the spider's web, watch where they are going and be careful.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Hitting head	Group & Instructor	Brief the group about them hitting their heads on some elements as they might have to crawl under them.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Slips, Trips and Falls	Group & Instructor	Group to be warned about tripping hazards, e.g. tree roots and stones. Instructor to check the course and, if possible, remove any tripping hazards prior to activity starting.	Trivial / Tolerable <i>if controls are followed</i>
Excessive speed leading to accidents	Group	The challenges should be made harder to discourage participants from moving too quickly over the elements.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Carrying items on elements	Group	Select the object carefully. Make sure the group can manage the object. Large and sharp objects should be avoided.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Confusion leading to participants not doing the task correctly	Group	Have a leader demo to show what to do to help the group understand.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Cuts from Chicken Wire	Group	Chicken Wire has been used to create grip on slippery wooden poles so people do not slip & fall. Instructors should monitor the condition of the chicken wire and report breaks as this could lead to cuts & lacerations. March 2024	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>

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		Potential severity of harm		
		Slightly Harmful 1	Harmful 2	Extremely Harmful 3
Likelihood of harm occurring	Highly unlikely 1	Trivial 1	Tolerable 2	Moderate 3
	Unlikely 2	Tolerable 2	Moderate 4	Substantial 6
	Likely 3	Moderate 3	Substantial 6	Intolerable 9

Slightly harmful: Superficial injuries; minor cuts and bruises; eye irritation from dust, nuisance and irritation (e.g. headaches); ill-health leading to temporary discomfort.

Harmful: Lacerations; burns; concussion; serious sprains; minor fractures, deafness; dermatitis; asthma; work related upper limb disorders; ill-health leading to permanent minor disability.

Extremely harmful: Amputations; major fractures; poisonings; multiple injuries; fatal injuries, occupational cancer; other severely life shortening diseases; acute fatal diseases