Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

Circus Skills 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'			
Injuries from equipment when learning new skills. Head or eye injuries are possible.	Participants & Instructor	Instructor to teach new skills with appropriate space between participants. Individual coaching may be required.	Trivial if controls are followed		
People entering into practice area and being hurt by equipment or collisions with participants	Participants, Instructor & Passers-by	A suitable space for practicing skills should be chosen by the instructor. Care should be taken to ensure equipment does not leave the designated practice area.	Trivial if controls are followed		
Falls from stilts	Participants, Instructor & Passers-by	Stilts are short. There must be at least one spotter present.	Trivial if controls are followed		

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

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