

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

Quarry Zip 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 Activity Risk Assessment' and 'Generic Off Ground Risk Assessment'	
Heavy Rain increasing slips, trips and falls	Group	Activity to be stopped in heavy rain. Instructors Discretion.	Trivial if controls are followed
Head Injuries from contact with the quarry wall	Group	Helmets to be worn by participants.	Trivial if controls are followed
Falling debris	Group &Instructor	Helmets to be always worn by participants and spectators inside the quarry area (January 2025) Brief the group and ensure they always keep their helmets on, especially at the bottom of the quarry. First Aid Kit supplied, fully qualified First Aider on site.	Trivial if controls are followed
Injuries to people in the landing zone after descending the zip-line	Group	The instructor will only send people down the zip wire when the area is clear. 10cm of woodchip to reduce impact. (January 2025). A spring is used to slow heavier participants down at the end of the zip wire. There is a maximum weight limit of 95Kg or 15 stone.	Trivial if controls are followed
Injuries to fingers	Group	Participants are told / shown where to hold the rope on the decent, so they do not put their fingers on the cable. Choice of zip wire trolley.	Tolerable (January 2025) if controls are followed

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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