



South Tyneside Council

RISK ASSESSMENT

Department: Services for Young People, Children, Adults & Families		Section: Thurston O.E.C.		Assessment No: L5							
Work Activity	Climbing & Abseiling – Thurston Trees										
	All hazards & control measures as for “Generic Assessment for all Outdoor Activities”, “Rock Climbing, Abseiling (Outdoors)” plus additions below				Risk rating, without controls <i>(see Matrix overleaf)</i> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">High</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Low</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Hazards	Failure of belay system	Climber crag/tree fast									
	Failure of rope	Swinging/slipping & hitting tree									
	Failure of harness	Inappropriate jewellery									
	Failure of anchor system	Rope burns or compression									
	Entrapment of limbs, fingers or hair										
	Struck by falling object / person										
	Equipment Failure										
Population Exposed	Employees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sub Contractors:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public:	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Young Persons:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Groups:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Children:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Control Measures	<p>Activity run in line with “Tree Climbing & Abseiling” Operating Procedures” with control measures including:</p> <p>Consideration to safe areas at the trees</p> <p>Regular inspection & replacement of ropes & other climbing equipment</p> <p>Regular inspection of anchor cables & hardware</p> <p>Suitable belay method used</p> <p>Tying back of long hair</p> <p>Removal of jewellery that presents a hazard</p> <p>Visual inspection of all equipment prior to use</p> <p>Correctly fitting harnesses & helmets issued & checked</p> <p>Briefing not to hold straps</p> <p>Abseil ropes releasable under load</p> <p>Briefing on lower off procedure</p> <p>Not to be used in Beaufort force 4 winds or above</p> <p>Anemometer to be found in the office. Measure on the front lawn or by the monkey puzzle tree.</p> <p>Continue on separate sheet, if necessary</p>										
Information Instruction Training Required	As stated in operating procedures										

Personal Protective Measures (PPE)	As stated in operating procedures		
Implementation Plan		<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Target Date</i>

Risk Rating with Controls in place	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW
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Monitoring and Review	Review Date	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
	<i>Jan 2022</i>		<i>Jan 2023</i>

Action Identified From Review		<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
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Risk Matrix

Likelihood		Worst Case Outcome		
		<i>Fatality</i>	<i>Major Injury</i>	<i>Minor Injury</i>
	<i>Probable</i>	HIGH	HIGH	MED.
	<i>Possible</i>	HIGH	MED	MED.
	<i>Improbable</i>	MED.	LOW	LOW

Assessment conducted by: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Revised: January 2022 AS, AD, JH, SB, JY.