

Belchamps Scout Centre – Risk Assessment Form

Type of Assessment: **Abseiling**

Location: **Abseiling Tower**

Date assessed: November 2016

Date to be reviewed: November 2017

Assessed by: Michael Barrett Signed:



Print: Michael Barrett

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Existing Controls	Severity 1-10	Likelihood 1-10	Rating (SxL)	What further action is required to control risk
Falling	Participants	Instructors are assessed to the Scout Climbing permit level or the Girl Guide level 1 permit by a Climbing and abseiling assessor with a minimum qualification of MIA. An instructor will always be the person doing 1 person belaying except in training situations that are supervised by a manager. The dead end of the rope will also be tailed in such situations. All personnel using the wall must use correctly fitting helmet and harness. Participants descent controlled by instructor via safety rope.	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Objects falling from above	All	Helmets worn by everyone in the compound. Participants advised to tie shoelaces and empty pockets before climbing. Groups limited to 8 to ensure proper supervision can be given	3	4	12	Adequately controlled
Equipment failure	All	All equipment checked by instructors prior to use. And also checked and logged monthly. All equipment usage is logged and all harnesses and Ropes are replaced after a max of 5 years	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Contact with wall during descent	Participants	Correct descent technique described by instructor. Instructors trained in rescue techniques.	3	4	12	Adequately Controlled
Ascending/ descending access ladders	All	Correctly fitted helmets and harnesses must be worn. Instruction provided on how to ascend/descend ladders. Only one participant allowed on ladder at a time.	8	2	15	Adequately Controlled

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		Participants and instructors belayed by an instructor on ladder.				
Adverse Weather Conditions	All	Activity stopped during Electrical Storms, Heavy Rain and High Wind	8	1	8	Trivial Risk
Inverting on decent	Participants	Participants provided with chest harness, seat harness and helmets. The chest harness reduces the risk of inversion.	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Body clothing Entrapment	Participants	Long hair and scarves tied back or removed. Correct descent technique described by instructor. Instructors trained in Releasable abseil and rescue techniques.	6	2	8	Trivial Risk

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