

## Belchamps Scout Centre – Risk Assessment Form

Type of Assessment: **Wobbly pole climb**

Location: **Upper Hall**

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 equipment must use correctly fitting helmet and harness. Participants descent controlled by instructor via safety rope. Groups limited to 12 participants to ensure that correct supervision can be provided.	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Objects falling from above	All	Helmets worn by all. Participants advised to tie shoelaces and empty pockets before climbing.	4	3	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 pole during descent	Participants	Correct technique described by instructor. Instructors trained in rescue techniques.	3	4	12	Adequately Controlled
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
Splinters	Participant	The logs have been sanded and treated to minimise the risk of splinters. The logs used for the wobbly pole are a Select Grade Unilog machined in accordance with	4	3	12	Adequately controlled

Rating:	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10	Code
Action:	Immediate action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further investigation	Adequately controlled	Trivial risk	RA11a

		playground standards				
Finger/ Limb trapping	Participants	Participants advised to keep hands away from all metal objects, and not to touch the wire holding the wobbly pole up.	3	4	12	Adequately controlled
Horseplay	All	All Activity supervised by a leader or Responsible adults.	6	2	12	Adequately Controlled

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