Risk Assessment – CLIMBING

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Purpose:	The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Kinver staff, volunteers and visitors are exposed to and identify appropriate control measures.
Scope:	The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Kinver Scout Training Camp
Related Documents:	**Generic Risk Assessments** KSTC/Act017 Supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site
	POR Rule 9.1 - Activity Rules - Application Rule 9.2 - Preparations Rule 9.3 - Home Contact Rule 9.4 - Risk Assessment Rule 9.5 - Emergency Procedure Rule 9.77- Other Activities
	Fact sheets FS120000 – Activities - Risk Assessment - Jan 01 FS120088 – Weather Forecasts in Outdoor Activities FS120402 - Application for Authorisation for Climbing and Abseiling FS120402 – Care, inspection and storage of Climbing Equipment FS120452 – Climbing (single Pitch) and Abseiling FS120453 – Climbing (multi pitch)
	Other Single Pitch climbing and Abseiling – The Scout Association ISBN 0-851-294-8 www.thebmc.co.uk – British Mountaineering Council, KSTC/Procedure.001 - Conditions for Usage of Climbing/Abseiling Tower – Kinver Policy

Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)					
	Harness	Suitable Footwear	Suitable Clothing	Helmet	

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It is the duty of all users to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times members must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

Important Note: It is the duty of all members under Regulation 14 of the "Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations1999" to inform the 'employer', i.e. Operations Manager, Duty Warden or County Executive of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment.

Minimum Leader Competence	SPA, CWI or Scout Permit	Minimum Assistant Competence	In House assessed
Maximum group size	12 Persons per hour	Minimum Age of Participants	4+ Years

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Next Review Due:	15th May 2023

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			SEVERITY	LIKELI-HOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELI-HOOD	RISK LEVEL
Climbing on Kinver Scout Training Camp Activity Tower – maintenance/checking of equipment	• Equipment failure • Damaged equipment leading to injury if used	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Including Members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	4	4	16	• All harnesses, ropes, helmets etc will be checked by a competent person on a regular basis as advised by the manufacturer. • Records of checks will be retained. • Any equipment that shows any sign of damage will be taken out of use immediately and quarantined to be repaired or destroyed. • Competent persons will carry out inspections of equipment and activity site prior to and after use and ensure all equipment is stored correctly. • All equipment will be stored in an appropriate manner after use. • Defects will be reported to the Operations Manager after the equipment has been removed to the quarantine box. • Equipment used to rig the climbing must not be used for any other activity.	4	2	8

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Climbing on Kinver Scout Training Camp Activity Tower	• Fall from height
	• Death
	• Broken bones
	• Head injury e.g. due to falling debris.
	• Cuts/bruises
	• Burns from ropes
	• Entanglement/ entrapment of clothing/hair etc
	• Failure of equipment.
	• Weather conditions
		Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Including Members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	4	3	12	• Authorised instructors only to run/supervise activity.
						• Instructors not known to Kinver Scout Camp or from other organisations, companies etc, must provide valid certificates prior to activity.
						• All instructors will run activity sessions as per the Standard Operating Procedures and complete a competency check.
						• Maximum of 3 persons to be supervised by instructor on the top floor of the activity tower.
						• Helmets and suitable footwear to be worn by each person climbing
						• Full instruction to be given to each person prior to climbing.
						• Loose clothing to be removed or tied back, long hair to the tied up and kept under helmet.
						• An adult or leader must supervise young people waiting to abseil.
						• No climbing to take place if weather conditions are poor, including wet/icy/cold, Lightning or poor lighting.
						• Instructor will stop the activity immediately should any of the following occur:
						  ○ There be an accident/near miss
						  ○ Weather conditions deteriorate
						  ○ Group is too large or unruly to supervise
						  ○ No adult supervision provided by the group
						  ○ They feel that the activity is not suitable for the age/abilities/ experience of participants.
						  ○ Any of the rules/instructions etc are broken whether by children/young persons, adult or leader.
						Instructions issued by the instructors must be adhered to at all times.
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