Bradley Wood Activity Centre
Low Ropes 2026 - Risk Assessment 004

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Hazard & Associated Risk	**Persons at Risk**			**Control Measures**	**Additional Precautions**	**Probability**	**Impact**	**Score**	**Risk**
	Young	**Staff**	**Visitors**						
Chains and Eye Bolts - Finger entrapment from equipment	P	P		- Clear safety briefing delivered by Trained Instructor to include not putting fingers in any chains/loops/eye bolts - Procedures in place to check equipment before use and action taken if any issues are discovered - Instructor/Group Leader vigilant and present on activity at all times	- First Aid kit must be available in the activity area -Instructor holds current Scout First Aid qualification (or higher)	3	1	3	Minor
Heights – Falls resulting in injuries	P	P		- All participants, Group Leaders and Instructors will wear a correctly fitted helmet - Elements are all low level to reduce any impact of falls - Clear safety briefing delivered by Trained Instructor to include how to complete the more technical elements - Participants encouraged to 'spot' each other until they are comfortable on the more technical elements - Instructor/Group Leader vigilant and present on activity at all times	- First Aid kit must be available in the activity area -Instructor holds current Scout First Aid qualification (or higher)	1	3	3	Minor
Failure of Equipment – Resulting in personal injury to user or staff	P	P		- Procedures in place to check equipment before use and action taken if any issues are discovered - Annual inspection carried out on Low Ropes structure by external company - Only Bradley Wood equipment to be used on Bradley Wood sessions.	- First Aid kit must be available on the activity area -Instructor holds current Scout First Aid qualification (or higher)	1	3	3	Minor

Uneven Ground / Disorderly Behaviour – Resulting in trips / slips	P	P	P	- Clear safety briefing delivered by Trained Instructor to include no running, jumping over the elements or poor behaviour - Correct footwear to be worn, secure to foot and closed toe - Groups will be told they cannot use the Low Ropes when the weather is unsuitable and would impact on the safe use. This is at the discretion of the Duty Manager - Instructors & Group Leaders are responsible for always supervising their group while using the equipment - Numbers limited to avoid overcrowding, only one participant per element and 2/3 on a platform (depending on size of participants)	- First Aid kit must be available on the activity area -Instructor holds current Scout First Aid qualification (or higher)	3	2	6	Moderate
Moving Tires and Beams – Resulting collisions	P	P		- Clear safety briefing delivered by Trained Instructor to include to be aware of other participants before moving onto an element - Instructor/Group Leader vigilant and present on activity at all times - All participants, Group Leaders and Instructors will wear a correctly fitted helmet	- First Aid kit must be available on the activity area -Instructor holds current Scout First Aid qualification (or higher)	2	2	4	Moderate
Hazards Arising from the Actions of Group Members - i.e. overcrowding and disorderly behaviour.	P	P		- Clear safety briefing delivered by Trained Instructor to include how to use equipment and set expectation for Low Ropes - Activity to be supervised at all times by an Instructor and Group Leader, who will make sure rules are followed - Group Leader/Teacher will provide correct ratios - Persons failing to follow rules will be asked to leave Low Ropes - There is a sheltered waiting area for participants not actively taking part - Maximum group size of 20 participants	-During events where no set time session takes place instructors are to ensure waiting participants are out of the way of the activity elements	2	2	4	Moderate
Adverse Weather: storms, high wind and heavy	P	P	P	- Activity session may have to cancelled due to any adverse weather, where operation can become dangerous. This it at the discretion of the duty manager	-Instructor is empowered to stop the session themselves if they	1	3	3	Minor

rain etc – Resulting in injury or damage				-Low Ropes beams and platforms can become slippery in wet / icy weather	deem the weather to have an unsafe impact - Follow 'severe weather' procedure in the site's *Emergency and Disaster Recovery Plan* if required				
Unauthorised Use - causing theft, vandalism or foreign objects in activity area	P	P	P	- Gate to activity area locked when not in use, area is fenced off - Equipment removed after session, and locked in correct storage area - The instructor is responsible for counting all items in and out to ensure none are left behind. - Procedures in place to check equipment and activity area before use and action taken if any issues are discovered - The activity area will be checked monthly for any damage and the fences integrity. Inspections will be logged - Normal site security procedures in place		2	3	6	Moderate