

Bramhope Scout Campsite Risk assessment - Climbing Tower

Name of activity, event, and location	Use of Andrew's Tower @ Bramhope Scout Campsite	Date of risk assessment	10/5/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Angie Foley Andy Dodsworth John Smallwood
		Date of next review	01/05/2025		


What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review, <i>ensure comments are passed to Site Manager</i>
Head Injury from bumping into or falling equipment	<i>All involved in activity</i>	<i>Any person entering the designated area must wear appropriate climbing helmet. Helmets must be correctly adjusted to secure required fit Persons not involved in the activity must stand clear of the tower, next to perimeter fence All climbers to empty pockets of all items that could cause harm if dropped</i>	
Discipline Lack of adequate Leader support/behaviour control	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Group Leaders to help maintain discipline. Lack of leader support will mean session is terminated. Persistent indiscipline may result in the young person being excluded or the session being terminated	
Failure of equipment	<i>All involved in activity</i>	All equipment to be checked before use by instructor All equipment to be correctly stored and regularly checked. Record to be maintained. All equipment to be used in accordance with manufacturers recommendations Any damaged equipment to be removed from service and Site Manager & Climbing Tower Lead to be advised.	
Falls from height	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Whenever climbing above 1.5m a properly fitted and adjusted harness must be worn and clipped onto appropriate belay system Harnesses MUST be checked and approved by the instructor before use. They MUST NOT be subsequently adjusted without instructors permission.	
Falling from Internal Ladders	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Only persons needing to access the top of the tower to use ladders If ladders need to be used for unavoidable descent by young people they MUST be belayed down from the top	
Falling from top of tower whilst rigging	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Ensure secured to tower using appropriate system Only competent/trained persons to be at top of tower during rigging	
Falls from height whilst climbing	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Supervision by competent instructors who have appropriate Scouts permit or NGB qualification Only permit holders allowed to use 'lower' climbers	

Skin Irritation	<i>Anyone wearing a helmet</i>	Helmets must only be cleaned according to manufacturers recommendations which is soap and water Detergents or sanitising fluids MUST NOT be used Verbal discussion with Group leaders regarding allergies	
Adverse Weather	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Permit holder to decide if weather is appropriate Tower NOT to be used in high winds or if thunderstorms are predicted	
Abseiler gets caught in abseil rope	<i>Abseiler</i>	Ensure activity being led by authorised adult Ensure rope is set to be 'releasable'	
Abseiler 'lets go'	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Ensure that safety rope is being used	
Being struck by objects falling from height	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Ensure supervision by competent person Helmets MUST be worn in designated area All persons not involved in activity to stand clear of tower, next to perimeter fence	
Failure of top anchor	<i>All involved in activity</i>	Anchors to be visually checked prior to use Ensure rope is passed through 'back up' anchor Anchors to be professionally checked annually. Record of inspection kept in site office.	



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