

SAFETY ACTION PLAN

ACTIVITY: ABSEILING LOCATION: ABSEIL TOWER

GROUP LEADER...

Disclose relevant medical conditions

→ Fulfil responsibilities in SAP below

Assist with harness fitting

Responsible for overall group management

PARTICIPANTS...

Comfortable (but not loose) clothing

Long hair tied back

⇒ Shoes (Recommended)

INSTRUCTOR...

Pass internal training and assessment program and hold nationally recognised abseiling qualification

Current first aid certificate

RESTRICTIONS

Over 5 years old No back injuries

Not suitable for pregnant woman

RATIOS (not including instructor)

1 adult : 12 students

| What could go wrong? 'The potential harm' | What would cause it to go wrong? 'The hazard' | How could we prevent it from going wrong? 'The mitigation' | Responsibility of? | When will it be done? | Emergency Plan |
|---|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Death/serious injury (fall from height) | Inadequate instructionFailure to follow instruction re: procedures and boundaries | Instructors are suitably qualifiedClear instructions are givenListen attentively and follow instructions | TSCC TS instructor | Before | Suspected major injury - All to vacate top level of site - Instructor to coordinate first aid - Instructor to radio to main office to arrange for ambulance or extra assistance - Assess if activity can continue Entrapment - Instructor to follow procedure to release trapped item Other/ Minor Injury - Group leader to administer first aid |
| | - Equipment/anchor failure | - Regular inspections | TS instructor | Prior to setup, monthly | |
| | - Poorly fitted harness/Helmet/incorrect attachments | - Instructor to check harness & Helmet fitting as well as attachments | Participants + Group leaders | Beginning & During | |
| Impact injury (falling against wall, falling objects) | - Slippery surface | - Check surface before and during session | TS instructor | Before or During | |
| | - Failure to apply instruction re: foot placement | - Listen attentively and follow instructions | Participants + Group leaders | During | |
| | Standing under abseilerFalling objects | - Stand outside of bark area during abseil | Group leaders TS Instructor | During | |
| Suspension Trauma | - Prolonged hanging in a harness | - Lowering the climber as soon as it is safe to do so | TS instructor+ Group leaders | During | |
| | - Arresting a fall | - Use of belay setup with sufficient dynamic movement to reduce sudden jolts | TSCC | Before | |
| Entrapment injury (hair, clothing, fingers) | Inappropriate clothingLong hairFailure to apply instruction re: hand position | Remove loose clothingTie back long hairListen attentively to instructions | Participants + Group leaders | Before & During | |
| Rope burn | - Rappelling too fast | - Instructor controls descent speed | TS instructor | During | |
| Exposure to elements (sun, wind, temperature) | - Long periods out in the sun or wind and rain without correct clothes | Move to an indoor Activity during "bad weather" Ensure the group has adequate clothing | TS instructor | Before | |
| | | | Participants + Group leaders | Before & During | |
| Psychological harm | Fear of heightsBeing bullied or forced to participate | - Challenge by choice - Group encouragement | TS instructor Participants + GL | During | |