

Thriftwood Scout Campsite Risk Assessment for:- Artificial Ice Climbing . Completed by Bill Hindley 10/10/2005 Review Date 1/04/2013

Hazard	Risk	Possible actions	Action recommended	Review/comments
Facial injury from ice axe	High	Instructions on safe use. Cover adze with safety material. Wear goggles. Reduce length of sharp pick.	Provide instruction on use and handling. Cover adze with tennis ball. Weld washer on pick to prevent severe penetration.	
Participants falling	Medium	Make sure ground anchors in place. Training of belaying staff. Use of Gri Gri belaying device.	Install safe ground anchors. All operating staff to hold Scout M form as a minimum qualification. Provide Gri Gri's for use as belaying device. Staff to semi-direct belay	
Horse play between participants	Low	Give guidance on usage & warn of the dangers horseplay whilst undertaking the activity.	Add to instructions.	
Harnesses failing or ill fitting.	Medium	Check fitting by authorised staff. Provide harnesses that one size fits all.	Train staff. Provide suitable one size harness's	
Crampons failing	Low	Check fitting of points.	Crampons checked	
Infection from boots.	High	Spray with anti bacterial spray.	Boots to be sprayed with antibacterial medication.	
Spiking from points of crampons	Low	Guidance to participants on usage of crampons	Include in instructions	
Artificial ice becoming unfit for use	Low	Regular checks on condition. Replace sheets when necessary	Regular inspections made by operating staff. Sheets turned over every 6 months and replaced annually.(see log)	
Injury from falling branches	Low	Regular checks on condition of tree supporting the structure	Checks to be made. (see log)	

See Site Procedures for action.

Review History

Review Date	Completed By	Recommendations
10/9/2008	Colin	Added log notations
1/4/2010	Colin Tilbrook	Staff to semi-direct belay
1/4/2011	Colin Tilbrook	No Changes

29/3/12	Colin Tilbrook	No Change
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