

Climbing/Abseiling Tower

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Hazard	Who might be harmed	Existing controls	Severity 1-10	Likelihood 1-10	Rating S x L	Further Actions Required
Falling Participant	All	All instructors to hold either Scout Climbing Permit or Girl Guide Level 1 permit. All participants to have well fitting helmet & harness. Descent to be controlled by instructor as per operating procedures	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Impact from Above	All	Helmets to be worn by all on the tower base area. Participants asked to tie shoe laces and empty pockets.	4	2	8	Adequately Controlled
Equipment Failure	All	All equipment is checked prior to use and inspected quarterly. All equipment is replaced as per manufacturers guidelines.	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Contact with Wall	Participant during descent	Participants instructed to correct method of decent. Instructors trained in rescue techniques.	3	4	2	Adequately Controlled
Adverse Weather	All	Activity stopped in electrical storms, high winds and heavy rain.	8	1	8	Adequately Controlled
Horseplay	All	Activity to supervised by appropriate adult.	6	2	12	Adequately Controlled
Inverting on descent	All	Participants instructed to correct method of descent. Helmets to be worn. Chest harnesses available for those where inversion could be a problem.	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Hair or other objects cating in ropes/clips etc.	Participants	All long hair (in fringes) to be tied back and loose ends tidied away prior to launch. Staff trained and assessed in performing suitable rescues.	4	2	8	Adequately Controlled

Additional Covid-19 controls

Risk of Infection	All	Wherever possible maintain social distance according to current Government and TSA guidelines.	2	5	10	Adequately Controlled
Risk of Infection from sharing of Equipment	Participants	ALL participants to WASH their hands prior to climbing. DO NOT USE HAND SANITISER.	3	5	15	Adequately Controlled

Rating	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10
Action	Immediate Action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further Investigation	Adequately Controlled	Trivial Risk