

ABSEILING

PHASELS WOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT SHEET

Activity/Area

ABSEILING TOWER

Frequency of use

Daily / AS REQUIRED

1. **PEOPLE AT RISK** (instructors, visitors, campers, schools)
Number of people involved 0 – 44

2. **POTENTIAL HAZARDS** (equipment, structures, fall, others etc)

- a) Weather
- b) Falling
- c) Equipment
- d) Staircase
- e) Structure
- f) Groups
- g) Platform
- h) Footwear

3. **ASSESSMENT OF RISK**

- a) Low
- b) Medium
- c) Medium
- d) Low
- e) Low
- f) Low
- g) Medium
- h) Medium

4. **LIST MEASURES TAKEN TO CONTROL HAZARDS**

- a) Stop abseiling if weather is not suitable
- b) Safety ropes used at all times. Tie on ASAP
- c) Check daily before each use and correct training in use
- d) No more than two persons at any one time
- e) Check as required
- f) Keep all members of group (s) sitting down if not abseiling
- g) Keep platform as clear as possible. Max of 8 persons
- h) Ensure suitable footwear is worn and clean/dry

5. **REMAINING RISK USING CONTROL MEASURES ABOVE**

- a) Low
- b) Low
- c) Low
- d) Low
- e) Low
- f) Low
- g) Low
- h) Low

DATE 09/2021, REVIEW 1 YEAR
COMPLETED BY

REF. NO ABSRISK
D STACK – ACTIVITY CENTRE MANAGER
K PEARCE- LEAD INSTRUCTOR



Name of activity, event, and location	ABSEILING Covid Risk Assessment at Hertfordshire County Scout Council (HCSC) Activity Centres	Date of risk assessment	12/09/2021	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Doug Stack* Katy Pearce* Reviewed by Ben Crabb*
		Date of next review	When further relevant guidance is released.		
What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?		What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?	
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.		Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you are doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.	
Correct Guidance	Everyone	Based on HCSC Operations Covid Risk Assessment. Following the latest guidance of the National Youth Agency and by The Scouts.		Updated Sept 2021	
Transmission due to contact between individuals and surfaces	Everyone	All abseiling carried out will adhere with Social Distancing Guidelines. All participants and instructors can wear a face mask if they choose. Group sizes will be up to a maximum of 15 participants, plus leaders and/or instructors. The need for guests to share equipment i.e., hat/harness, will be minimised. Defined disinfecting routines will be in place to disinfect equipment i.e., hats, and contact surfaces i.e., wall, before, after and at pre-set intervals. We will use an antiviral disinfectant that is effective against Coronavirus; certified to European standards B:2013 + A2:2019. Virucidal mist will also be used via a pump spray Strict maintenance of hand hygiene will be ensured. Hand sanitiser will be used before, during (where appropriate) and after a session provided by us. Groups should have hand sanitiser with them for their own group activity.		Review as required. Hair nets to be worn and hard surfaces cleaned between users HCSC Covid Cleaning Management Plan and recorded	
Transmission of infection	Everyone	If a member of the group or staff/volunteer becomes unwell with suspected Covid, the designated room suitable for isolation whilst awaiting collection is to be used. If a member of the group or staff/volunteer becomes unwell or contracts covid after their visit, HCSC MUST be contacted immediately so we can make available our track and trace records to the NHS.			

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