



## Risk Assessment - Abseiling

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HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	SEVERITY FACTOR	CONTROL MEASURES	REMAINING RISK FACTOR
Falling	Users	4	Correctly fitting equipment, inspected regularly, instructors trained to The Scout Associations P.O.R. and hold current and relevant qualifications. Activity carried out to current TSA fact sheets and guidelines	2
Tripping	Users, staff	3	Correctly fitting and suitable footwear must be worn and instruction given and understood before activity commences. Top of tower kept as clear as possible	2
Abrasions / minor injury	Users, staff	2	Instruction given and understood before activity commences. Long hair tied back, jewellery tucked away. First aid kit and qualified first aider present.	2
Faulty equipment	Users, staff	4	All equipment complies with relevant standards and carries relevant CE mark, Equipment regularly inspected and logged. During use all equipment monitored for damage and use discontinued of equipment and disposed of if found to be suspect.	2
Impact from falling debris	Users, staff	3	Safety helmets to be worn at all times whilst inside the climbing tower compound. Route visually inspected to indicate loose material or likely problems, training given to participants to ensure the likely hood of falling material is reduced.	2

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Weather	All	3	All participants given clear instruction on the correct clothing and how to reduce heat loss, getting wet	1
Horseplay	All	4	All participants are supervised by the instructors and group leaders and instructed in correct behaviour on the activity.	1
Unsupervised use	All	5	All equipment to be supervised in use and then packed away when not in use, climbing tower fenced and access gates locked when not in use	1
Falling from top of Tower	Users, instructors	5	All users and staff to be clipped on when on top of tower	1

#### Severity Factor & Remaining Risk Assessment

Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
1	Very Low i.e. Splinters	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
2	Minor Injury i.e. cut, grazing	Low, control measure satisfactory
3	Medium, injury would stop casualty continuing with activity	Medium, control measures adequate
4	Serious Injury requiring medical assistance i.e. broken bones, deep cut	High, control measures need further consideration
5	Extremely Harmful, very serious injury or a fatality	Very high, Intolerable, stop activity