

Site:	BLAIR ACTIVITY CENTRE	Assessment No.	BAC/GE0/23
Assessor	Charlotte Main, Pen Hof, Shiona Gilmour	Description of Building or Area	Low ropes course in wooded area at Blair Activity Centre
Date of Assessment	5th July 2023		
Task/Activity/Process/Equipment	Low Ropes (self-led activity)		
Technical Advisor (if applicable)	n/a		
Persons Name (if Applicable to vulnerable Groups etc)	n/a	Equipment used (if applicable)	Helmets, low ropes, obstacle structures
When Identifying HAZARDS consider:			
a) The Task (Who, What, Where, When, How)			
b) The environment (temperature, noise, lighting, dust, fumes)			
c) Materials, Equipment, and Substances (machinery, tools, chemicals, etc)			



RA REF No.	Hazard	Description of potential accident/injury/loss	Persons affected	Precautions/Controls already in place	Risk Rating			Further control measures required?	Action By Whom	To be completed by (Date)
					Severity	Likelihood	Factor = SxL			
BAC/LOR/23/01	Unauthorised use	Personal injury / damage to equipment	All users	Low Ropes course is within woodland out of public view. Safety signage on display.	2	2	4	No unauthorised use signage required	BMC	1/9/23
BAC/LOR/23/02	Equipment failure	Personal injury	All users	Equipment inspected monthly by BMC and by users before each session. Helmets to be worn when participating in activity. Leader to fit helmets correctly Damaged equipment or elements are marked "out of use" and are not used. To be recorded in site log & reported to management committee.	2	1	2			
BAC/LOR/23/03	Caught body parts	Personal injury	Participants	All participants to wear sturdy, closed toe shoes or boots Long hair to be tied up No loose clothing to be worn	2	2	4			
BAC/LOR/23/04	Slips, trips & falls	Personal injury	Participants	Activity takes place in the natural environment where the ground is often uneven, wet, slippery Clear ground of obvious hazards, such as fallen branches. Check for loose over hanging branches. The leader should be supervising at all times. Helmets to be worn by all participants Safety and ground rules set out at the start of the session. Encourage participants to read & follow safety signs. Training of spotters at start of session All participants to be supported by 2 spotters whilst on any obstacle All participants to wear sturdy, closed toe shoes or boots In areas where added protection has been used such as matting/ woodchip/ artificial flooring then this must be well maintained and be fit for use. Walking encouraged in the area.	2	2	4			
BAC/LOR/23/05	Adverse weather	Hit by lightning, possible death	All users	If there is thunder and lightning the activity is stopped and the 30/30 rule is followed (If the flash to bang is 30 seconds in length or less you should seek shelter. Staying inside this shelter is advised until 30 minutes past the last clap of thunder- https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water/safety/leisure-safety/lightning) Weather forecast to be checked at the start of the day by leader. Course not to be used in extreme weather.	5	1	5			
BAC/LOR/23/06	Poor behaviour of participants	Personal injury	All users	Safety area identified Safety and ground rules set out at the start of the session. Encourage participants to read & follow safety signs Leader supervision ratio in line with organisation guidelines Participant removed from the session	3	1	3			