

Climbing & Abseiling

Name of Section or Activity (and version number)	Waddecar Scout Activity Centre Climbing & Abseiling V2023-01	Date of risk assessment	6 th January 2023	Review Date	January 2024	Name and Role of who undertook this risk assessment	Damian King Centre Manager MLTE SPA Scouts Climbing Permit Assessor
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way the activity is carried out.
Falling from height	All	All sessions must be supervised by an appropriately qualified instructor. All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. Suitable safety equipment is provided: Climbing helmets, harnesses, metal ware and ropes. Participants must not climb above their own head height without the protection of a rope. Spectators must remain in the waiting area or outside the perimeter. Any suspected dangerous behaviour to be controlled immediately.
Equipment Failure	All	All equipment, incl. elements of the tower, must be checked before use by the qualified instructor. All safety equipment, incl. elements of the tower, are annually checked by an appropriately qualified person and replaced where required. Damaged safety equipment will be removed from use immediately upon identification.
Injury resulting from slips, trips, falls,	All	All areas identified as potentially dangerous have handrails. All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. The area is checked periodically and before each use and hazards are removed
Injury resulting from items falling from height	All	All participants, spectators, Leaders and Instructors to wear helmets whenever in the tower area. All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. Loose items shall be secured when at the top of the tower. Participants shall not carry loose items when climbing. Items (ropes etc) shall not be dropped from the top of the tower without appropriate checks and warnings

Completed by	Name, Damian King Role / level: Waddecar Centre Manager Date; 17 th January 2022	Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety