

High Ropes

Name of Section or Activity (and version number)	Waddecar Scout Activity Centre High Ropes V2023-01	Date of risk assessment	10 th January 2023	Review Date	January 2024	Name and Role of who undertook this risk assessment	Damian King Centre Manager SPA ERCA Adventure Park Instructor
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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 without the protection of a rope. Spectators must remain seated 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 when in the tower area, as soon as someone has left the ground. All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. Participants shall not carry loose items when climbing.
Injury caused by participant falling from crate when passing up to climber. (Crate Stack)	Crate Passers	Crate passers to pass crates using the bamboo pole when the climbers are beyond their reach.
Injury caused by falling crates (Crate Stack)	All	Crate passers only to pass crates, not to throw them. Crate passers briefed where to stand if crates fall. Group warned of potential hazard; climbers encouraged to push crate stack away from the rest of the group.
Entrapment (Jacob's Ladder / Gauntlet)	Participants	Participants instructed to stay on their own side of the element to prevent knotting of the rope when climbing.

Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety

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