

GUYS FARM ACTIVITY CENTRE

RISK ASSESSMENT



Date 30/9/07		Review Date Sept 08		Assessor Paul Hargreaves		Task Climbing/Abseiling			Assessment No Activity 03	
Hazard No.	Significant Hazards	Persons Affected	Existing Controls	Level of Risk			Further action required			
				High	Med	Low				
01	Anchor failure. Abseil rope failure	Participants	Multiple Anchors. Safety rope in use at all times. Protection on wear points. Check prior to use. Equipment Log. Annual certification of anchor points			X X X X X X				
02	Safety Rope failure	Participants.	Log of rope use. Ropes inspected by instructor before & after each session.			X X				
03	Debris from above	Participants & Instructor	Helmets to be worn at all times			X				
04	Harness connection failure	Participants.	Harness checked prior to climb. Connect safety rope to belay loop during abseil.			X X				
05	Climber falling sideways	Participants	Helmet to be worn at all times			X				
06	Hair or clothing caught in abseil device	Participants	Long hair tied back No loose clothing to be worn. Releasable abseil rope set up to be used			X X X				
07	Getting caught in loose ropes	Participants & Instructor	Ropes to be fixed with minimum of loose ends. Correct rope management during session			X X				
08	Cut Feet	Participants	Correct footwear to be worn, NO sandals or other open footwear			X				
09	Weils disease	Participants & Instructor	Waterproof plasters to be worn over any open wounds and all participants told to wash hands after session.			X				
10	Sunburn	Participants & Instructor	Sun cream & appropriate clothing to be worn.			X				
11	Fall from tower	Participants & Instructors	Participants to be attached to safety rope prior to crossing through to abseil area. Instructor to rig/de-rig ropes with gates closed & locked.			X X				
12	Loss of control due to distraction	Participant & Instructor	Groups to be kept to manageable size			X				

