



# Risk Assessment for Assault Course, November 2005

Venue: 2<sup>nd</sup> Hatfield Scout Group Headquarters, Station Road, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.  
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Risk	Likelihood (1...5)	Severity (1...5)	Risk (LxS)	Action taken to reduce risk
Fire	1	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire exits unlocked and available.</li> <li>• Extinguishers available</li> <li>• Have emergency signal understood by all young people</li> </ul>
Minor Accident (bump, graze)	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified first aider on site at all times (James)</li> <li>• First aid kits checked regularly for up to date equipment and complete</li> <li>• Let young people walk around course first to get familiar with it.</li> </ul>
Falling off assault course from height	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn participants beforehand</li> <li>• Rope/barricade off all likely falling points, and check barricades are sufficiently robust before each use of course</li> <li>• Have adults around course supervising participants</li> </ul>
Bumping head/other part of body on equipment	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foam or cushion on projections where possible</li> <li>• Warn participants beforehand</li> <li>• Let young people walk around course first to get familiar with it</li> </ul>
Fatigue by young people	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure turns are taken to stop young people getting tired</li> <li>• Have water available at all times if required</li> <li>• Ensure temperature of room is suitably by using heating/opening additional ventilation doors as necessary</li> </ul>
Falling/Tripping	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure participants are dressed suitably before event</li> <li>• No water in/around assault course area in case of spillage</li> <li>• Check surfaces are not too slippery before each usage and remedy as necessary</li> <li>• Let young people walk around course first to get familiar with it.</li> <li>• Qualified first aider on site at all times (James)</li> <li>• Ensure all unused equipment and debris is removed from activity area before commencement</li> </ul>
Equipment failure	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check course before each session starts</li> <li>• Have adults around checking integrity</li> <li>• Stop immediately if any problem noticed by aid of emergency signal</li> <li>• Ask young people to inform if any problems noticed</li> </ul>
Young people getting over excited	5	2	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety talk beforehand</li> <li>• Prior expectations of behaviour by young people</li> <li>• Stop using emergency signal if leader or assistants observe dangerous behaviour and remove young person/people from assault course to calm down</li> </ul>
Collision by young people into each other	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course explained and walked through beforehand</li> <li>• Behaviour expectations of young people to follow instructions given to them</li> <li>• Young people set off with adequate distance between them to stop them catching each other up</li> </ul>