

Risk assessment – Slacklining

Name of activity, event, and location	Slacklining – General use Beacon Hill Scout Campsite, Horsham	Date of risk assessment	9 October 2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Alison Styles
		Date of next review	Prior to next event		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Faulty equipment Injuries to users	Anyone using the equipment	- Supervising adults to check all equipment prior to using it. - Reject and report any damaged or faulty equipment, using the QR code displayed on the site noticeboard.	
Incorrect setup of equipment Injuries to adults whilst setting up the slackline Injuries to users whilst on the slackline	Anyone using the equipment	- Adults not to overexert themselves when securing ground anchors. - Fingers to be kept clear of ratchet when tightening and loosening. - Ensure ground anchors remain secure whilst tightening slackline. - Do not over tighten slackline with the ratchet – it is designed to stretch when stood on.	
Improper use of equipment Causing injury or damage to equipment that could cause an injury	Anyone using the equipment	- Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision. - Only suitable supporters and spotters used.	
Weather Adverse conditions during the activity session	Anyone using the equipment	- Ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing for the weather. - The Slackline can become slippery when wet. Supervising adults to consider safety of users before beginning, and during the activity.	
Falling and slipping off the slackline Injury to user and supporters	Anyone using the equipment Supervising adults Supporters	- Use of supporters and spotters for unconfident or inexperienced users. - Slackline to be set to a suitable height for the users' confidence and experience. - Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision – consider	

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		dismantling before allowing any free time near the setup area. Supervising adults and supporters to provide support when stepping on and off the slackline, if required.	
Slips, trips, falls Risk to those on slackline and those supporting by walking alongside	Anyone using the equipment Supervising adults Supporters	- Ensure ground is suitable to put the slackline over, clearing any obstructions as required, to allow users to fall off safely and supporters to walk alongside safely. - Ensure users have suitable footwear on – closed toed shoes.	
Behaviour: overexcitement and not following rules or instructions could lead to accidents.	Young People	- Explain rules of the activity clearly at the start. - Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision. - Only 1 person on the slackline at once. - Monitor the mood level throughout. - Agree and use clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop as soon as they hear the agreed signal or anyone shouting STOP. - Have a clear location for those who are waiting to participate.	
Incident management	All	Have an appropriate first aid kit available and a first aider.	

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