

Risk assessment – Spider’s Web

Name of activity, event, and location	Spider’s Web – General use Beacon Hill Scout Campsite, Horsham <i>Remember – this is just a starting point for you to assess the risk of your event and you will need add or take away hazards & controls according to your own findings.</i>	Date of risk assessment	14 September 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Alison Styles
		Date of next review	September 2025 (or when a significant change occurs) Reviewed September 2026		

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?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you’re doing or even stop the activity. <i>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i>
Surfaces: slips, trips, and falls.	All participants	- Leaders to check web for signs of deterioration. - All to be aware of the terrain, and the risk of tripping or slipping. - Make sure that YP are wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. - Activity area to be kept free from any obstructions	
Being dropped	Participants	- If being lifted through, a minimum of 2 people to be on each side to lift and lower the participant. - Instructor to guide the group to a suitable technique, the safest recognised technique is for people to be passed through face up and head 1st, so that head and upper body always have adequate support. - Instructor to be on receiving side once person is lifted, to be able to give assistance quickly if needed. - Advise participants to be aware of their surroundings.	
Lifting a person	Participants	- Participants not to try and lift or carry alone. - Participants to be briefed on good manual handling techniques.	

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		Instructor to facilitate a practice run if deemed necessary.	
Bungee cord	Participants	- Bungee cord to be in good condition, so as not to snap if put under tension. - Participants to be briefed about not pulling or climbing on bungee cord.	
Behaviour: overexcitement and not following rules or instructions could lead to accidents.	Participants	- Explain rules of the activity clearly at the start. - 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.	
Incident management	All	Have an appropriate first aid kit available and a first aider.	
What other Hazards arising do you need to consider? Never be afraid to stop an activity if it is becoming unsafe! This Risk Assessment does not cover consider any specific individual needs.			

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