

Whiteley Woods OAC



Risk Assessment – Slackline

Date: September 2024

Potential Hazard	Who is at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures
Falling or slipping from the slackline	Participants	4	1	4 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants to wear flat shoes that are securely attached to their feet - Spotters are to be used on both sides of the slackline to prevent ground falls - Leader to explain & demonstrate appropriate supportive & spotting techniques & position themselves so as to lend support as needed - Spectators to stand well back - Leaders must be vigilant & maintain good group control (inappropriate behaviour must not be tolerated and participants to be removed from activity)
Uneven ground	Participants	2	1	2 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants to wear appropriate footwear for the activity - Spectators to be sensible, leaders to be vigilant & maintain good group control - Activity to be set up in an area appropriate for the activity, clear from obstructions & uneven ground where possible
Equipment failure, inappropriate use of equipment	Participants	1	3	3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slackline to be set up by Centre staff and checked for any damage or overuse before and after activity - Slackline cleaned and maintained by Manager between uses and stored appropriately - Groups briefed on appropriate use (inappropriate behaviour must not be tolerated and participants to be removed from activity) - Slackline to be taken down as soon as activity is finished to avoid other groups trying out the equipment unsupervised
Adverse weather conditions & exposure to environmental factors.	Participants	1	3	3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone working outside must seek shelter if weather is becoming a risk, including thunder & lightning, high winds or heavy rain - Extreme caution should be taken in areas where trees increase the risk from wind due to falling debris - Group to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity - Group should monitor the weather and adjust their activity engagement accordingly

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Existing medical condition	Participants	2	3	6 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaders to ensure the appropriate health & parental consent forms are used. - Ensure necessary medication available if needed. - Ensure all leaders are aware of the OAC's accident/emergency procedures. - Group to have access to a mobile phone.
Operating Notes: Tree protectors MUST be used for the duration of this activity. Participants are not to use tree branches to balance and must refrain from bouncing which causes damage to the trees.					

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Outcome				
	1 Negligible	2 Slight	3 Moderate	4 Severe	5 Very Severe
1 Very Unlikely	LOW (1)	LOW (2)	LOW (3)	LOW (4)	LOW (5)
2 Unlikely	LOW (2)	LOW (4)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (8)	MEDIUM (10)
3 Possible	LOW (3)	LOW (6)	MEDIUM (9)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (15)
4 Probable	LOW (4)	MEDIUM (8)	HIGH (12)	HIGH (16)	HIGH (20)
5 Very Likely	LOW (5)	MEDIUM (10)	HIGH (15)	HIGH (20)	HIGH (25)

Likelihood of occurrence X Severity of outcome = Risk Rating

Example:

Likelihood (possible 3) X Severity (Moderate 3) = Risk Rating (Medium 9)