




# ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL RECORD

*This Risk Assessment shall be reviewed at least every 2 years, upon identification of any new risks or whenever there is a related incident or change in a the task, process or activity which may alter risks*

<b>PART A - ACTIVITY DETAILS</b>			
<b>Name of activity:</b>		<b>Risk Assessment Number:</b>	
<b>Possum Glider</b>		<b>YMCA-AA-RAH06</b>	
<b>Activity Scope:</b>		<b>ACTIVITY RISK RATING</b>	
This heights activity the participant is pulled up in the air in a variety of ways to match the individuals' capabilities or choices (spin, swing or straight up). The system uses the group as the hauling 'donkey belay' and safety team to lift a participant to height and lower them in a controlled and safe manner.		<b>Overall Risk Level (without Controls)</b>	<b>Overall Risk Level (with Controls)</b>
		<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Equipment / Facility Requirements:</b>	<b>Supervision Requirements:</b>		<b>Activity Leader Qualification Requirements:</b>
Harnesses, helmets, ropes, karabiners, belay devices	Supervision of active participants	1 Outdoor Leader	Lead Challenge Course - high elements or similar qualification, YMCA Internal Training, and current first aid
	Supervision of non-active participants	1 responsible person (e.g. Teacher)	
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<b>Reference Information:</b> (e.g. manufacturer's instructions, operating manuals, industry information, Company Policies, CoP, Standards, Regulations)		<b>Supporting Documentation:</b> (e.g. Work Instruction, SWP, Guidelines, Manuals, Inspection Checklists, Training Records, Signage)	
Australian Adventure Activity Standard, Core Good Practice Guide (GPG) & Challenge Courses GPG v1.0, Artificial Climbing Structures and Challenge Courses AS/NZS 2316.2.1:2016. Industrial Fall Arrest Systems and Devices AS1891. CARA guidelines: Challenge High Ropes		Master Adventurous Activity Risk Assessment and Control Record Possum Glider Standard Operating Procedures Equipment Inspection, routine Equipment Inspection, annual iAudit Training records	

RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX		Consequences				
		A – Insignificant Near miss or limited harm not requiring first aid	B – Minor Injury or illness requiring no medical treatment with no lost time and minor incidents	C – Moderate Compensable physical or phycological injury with > 7 days off.	D – Major Serious Injury resulting in permanent impairment / long term rehabilitation	E – Extreme Death, multiple serious injuries.
Likelihood	<b>5-Almost Certain</b> Is expected to occur again either immediately or within a short period of time (likely to occur most weeks or months)	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
	<b>4-Likely</b> Will probably occur in most circumstances (several times a year)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	<b>3-Possible</b> Probably will occur at some time (may happen every 1-2 years)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	<b>2-Unlikely</b> Possibly to occur at some time in 2-10 years	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	<b>1-Rare</b> Unlikely to occur only in exceptional circumstances (may happen every 10 – 20 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
RISK CONTROL HEIRARCHY						
Proactive	 <p>Most Effective</p> <p>Least Effective</p>	Level 1	<b>Elimination</b> - Can risks be removed, repaired, outsourced or otherwise eliminated?			
		Level 2	<b>Substitution</b> - Can risks be reduced through substituting the hazard or process with a safer alternative?			
			<b>Isolation</b> - Can risks be reduced through isolating the hazard from possible contact with workers or patrons?			
		Level 3	<b>Engineering</b> - Can risks be controlled through engineering means or structural / equipment modification?			
<b>Administration</b> - Can risks be controlled through training, supervision and / or signage?						
Reactive		Level 4	<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b> - Can risks be controlled through the use of personal protective equipment?			
			<b>Emergency Response</b> - Can risks be reduced through the provision of special / additional emergency response equipment and/or procedures? (measures in addition to standard First Aid kits, First Aid personnel, Fire Safety Installations, Fire and Evacuation Plans, training and drills)?			

**PART B - HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL**

Hazard	Risk Event	Consequences	Initial Risk			Control Measures	Person Responsible	Current Risk		
			L	C	R			L	C	R
<i>What is the source of the Risk?</i>	<i>How can a person be injured?</i>	<i>What are the expected injuries / illness?</i>	L	C	R	<i>What will reduce the likelihood or consequences?</i>	<i>Who is responsible for implementing the control measure?</i>	L	C	R

**Environment** – hazards and risks associated with the Environment.

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<i>People – List all hazards and risks associated with People.</i>										
Swinging participant or equipment	Participants or bystanders being struck by swinging participant or equipment	Abrasions, contusions, lacerations	3	C	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear boundaries to be marked out with cones or rope for high risk flight or drop zone areas</li> <li>• Participants excluded from, and briefed about, drop zones/ flight lines during activity</li> <li>• Brief client staff on required general supervision and monitoring of behaviour during the activity session</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	B	L
Working or participating at heights	Participant sustaining a fall	Strains, sprains, fractures, concussions	3	C	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Staff are to climb only when under the direct supervision of another Ropes accredited Program Staff member with Vertical Rescue (VR) competency during rescue or resetting of trace lines</li> <li>• If no suitably qualified staff is available, based on the staff's experience approval can be provided to climb under the supervision of a non-accredited high ropes Program Staff member if there is a Staff member on-site with VR competency</li> <li>• Provide annual rescue training for Outdoor Leaders</li> <li>• Outdoor Leaders to have completed SOP training and adhere to requirements</li> </ul>	Program Coordinator	2	B	L
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow correct working at height and Standard Operating procedures</li> <li>• Demonstrate to participants how to correctly fit the harness</li> <li>• Check participant harness before commencing activity</li> <li>• Ensure use of full body harness where inversion is probable</li> <li>• Ensure harnesses are connected by safety line to the appropriate anchor point or belay where exposure to a fall exists</li> <li>• Use belay system appropriate to activity and location</li> <li>• Ensure that helmets are worn at all times when working at heights greater than 1200 mm including ascending and descending</li> <li>• Check all participants understand the nature of the activity and instructors</li> <li>• Ensure correct usage of safety tails where applicable</li> <li>• Ensure use of a rescue line when ascending staples where applicable</li> <li>• Ensure rescue pack with spare equipment is accessible</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader			

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Working or participating at heights	Participant sustaining a fall	Strains, sprains, concussions	3	C	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure minimum slack on belay rope to minimise fall distance</li> <li>• Ensure participants are completely 'on rope' and not holding or standing on anything prior to lowering.</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	B	L
	Panic attack	Minor psychological	3	B	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to the 'Challenge by Choice' philosophy</li> </ul>		2	A	L
Working or participating at heights	Extended time in harness causing exposure to harness hang syndrome	nausea, low blood pressure, loss of responsiveness	3	C	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow rescue hierarchy based on qualifications: unassisted self rescue -&gt; basic assisted rescue -&gt; technical rescue</li> <li>• Undertake rescue training to ensure competence in undertaking rescues</li> <li>• All rescues completed as expediently as safety allows</li> <li>• Instruct participant to move their legs and try and remove the weight from their harness</li> <li>• Have a suitably equipped rescue pack with spare equipment</li> <li>• Know the signs and symptoms of Harness Suspension Trauma</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	1	C	L
Dynamic nature of heights activities	Inversion of participant causing them to fall out of the safety harness	Strains, sprains, fractures and/or concussion	3	D	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure correct use of harness appropriate for the activity</li> <li>• All participant shown how to correctly fit harness</li> <li>• Harness to be checked by Program Staff</li> <li>• Participants to be made aware of risks associated with the activity</li> <li>• Briefed on risk of inversion</li> <li>• Full body harness to be correctly fitted. If available harnesses do not fit the participant then they are unable to partake in activity due to safety concerns</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	1	D	L
Falling Objects	Struck by falling objects	Lacerations, contusions, concussion	3	B	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all items in pockets etc. are removed prior to commencing activity</li> <li>• Brief participants not to throw items in activity area</li> <li>• Brief participants on where to stand during activity</li> <li>• Ensure no-one is beneath Outdoor Leaders when handling equipment</li> <li>• Ensure approved helmets are worn by anyone in the drop zone</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	A	L

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<b>Logistics &amp; Equipment – List all risks associated with Logistics and Equipment.</b>										
Incorrect set up or use of equipment	Equipment failure	Abrasions, contusions, lacerations	3	A	L	• Set up to be cross-checked by qualified person prior to commencing the activity	Program Coordinator	2	A	L
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Not provided or not correctly fitted	Abrasions, contusions, lacerations, asphyxiation	3	D	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different size helmets available and highly adjustable</li> <li>• Helmets to be of the correct size and fit</li> <li>• Helmets to be checked prior to commencing activity</li> <li>• Helmets to be worn and secured throughout any activity session where participants are exposed to typical climbing/abseiling hazards</li> <li>• Helmets to remain on participants until completion of the activity</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	B	L
Using damaged equipment	Equipment failure	Abrasions, contusions, lacerations, asphyxiation	4	D	H	• Challenge course including cables, fixtures and challenge elements inspected half yearly	Logistics Coordinator	2	C	L
			3	C	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Particular attention to fastening systems when removable rope systems are used</li> <li>• Suitable top anchor points to be used with correct capacity (15kN if 1 person using anchor or 21kN if 2 people are using the anchor point)</li> <li>• Ropes course installer to be consulted regarding intended use of anchor points</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	C	L
Handling Rope	Excessive friction if holding the rope and it is pulled quickly	Minor friction burn	3	C	M	• Participant attachment system as simple as possible and standard across multiple activities	Program Coordinator	2	A	L
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruct participants not to wrap the rope around their limbs</li> <li>• Any loose ends of rope to be correctly secured</li> <li>• Gloves provided for belayers on request</li> <li>• Haul teams to be secured to the rope using karabiners and sit harnesses to prevent slippage</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	2	C	L

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Handling Devices	Entrapment of clothing or body parts, entanglement in equipment	Minor abrasions, contusions, lacerations	4	B	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program to be developed to ensure it fits with individual group capabilities</li> </ul>	Program Coordinator	2	B	L
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure standard rescue kit with spare equipment is available in case of emergency is accessible</li> <li>• Design of setup includes standard attachment method across activities and sites (where possible), as simple as possible and using the safest devices available</li> </ul>	Logistics Coordinator	2	B	L
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief participants on activity and potential risk of injury</li> <li>• Demonstrate correct handling of equipment</li> <li>• Learning checks performed</li> <li>• Modifications made where necessary</li> <li>• Ensure long hair is tied back before participating in the activity</li> <li>• All forms of jewellery should be removed or protected (e.g. tape) before participating in the activity</li> <li>• Ensure client staff are providing supervision and monitoring of behaviour during the activity session</li> </ul>	Outdoor Leader	3	B	L
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief participants on positioning of hands and use of karabiners and descending device (where applicable)</li> </ul>				
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