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Mohawk Walk

No	Hazard	Who it effects?	Unmanaged risk	Control measures	Managed risk
1	Insufficient	Participants	Medium	Mohawk sessions to be run by suitably qualified/experienced instructors.	Low
	Instruction/Supervision			Adequate group control must be maintained at all times or activity must be	
				stopped	
				Maximum instructor ratio of 1 to 12	
2	Risk from damaged	Participants	Medium	Mohawk course to be inspected on a monthly basis and visually by	Low
	equipment/hazards in area			Instructor before each use.	
				Low ropes area to be checked for Hazards (particularly hanging branches or	
				dangerous trees) during monthly checks, after high winds and by instructor	
				before each use.	
4	Falling from obstacles	Participants	Medium	Participants to be briefed on safe negotiation of obstacles.	Low
				Participants to be shown the correct way of walking on the wire (sideways,	
				no crossing of legs or tightrope walking)	
				Spotting to be taught and used as standard practice (Instructor has	
				discretion on using spotting with high school pupils and adults)	
				Participants instructed to step off before they fall.	
				No jumping or bouncing on wires.	
				Instructor to be vigilant with supervision especially at areas of height.	
				All Participants to wear helmets.	
5	Risk of falling on to wire at V	Participants	Medium	Instructors to be aware of the extra danger of falling on to the wire at V	Low
	angles			angles and be extra vigilant when participants are in areas where they	
				could fall onto the wire at V angles.	
6	Entanglement & finger	Participants	High	Long hair to be tied back.	
	injuries – de-gloving			Neckerchiefs are not to be worn	
				Participants briefed not to use metal attachment points on trees as hand	
				holds. Rings and jewellery to be removed or taped up.	
7	Hypo/Hyperthermia and	Participants	Medium	Instructors to ensure participants have appropriate clothing for the	Low
	exposure			prevailing conditions and to monitor participants during the session.	
8	Medical conditions that	Participants	Medium	Instructors to check with group if there are any medical conditions/Injuries	Low
	could affect the activity			which may affect their participation.	
9	Slippery/uneven surfaces,	Instructors &	Medium	Instructors to assess conditions and make participants aware of conditions	Low
	trip hazards	participants		underfoot.	
				No running in the activity area.	
				Participants to be warned of trip hazard posed by the foot wire.	
				Check shoelaces are tied.	

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					Activity to be suspended if It is judged to be too slippery.	
10	Adverse	weather	Instructors &	High	The activity is not to run in heavy rain, high winds and electrical storms.	Low
			participants			
Asse	ssor	Date	Review Date			
Mark	(24/02/24	24/02/25			
Campbell						

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Standard Operating Procedure – All Activities

Supervisors will be given copies of Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Assessments for the activity.

The safety of participants is at all times the responsibility of the supervisor.

The supervisor must:

Read and comply with the Standard operating procedure, Risk Assessment and activity instructions.

Complete the sign out sheet before using the activity

Must supervise the activity for its entire duration and not hand over responsibility to any other person at any time.

Ensure there is adequate first aid provision.

Maintain adequate group control at all times.

Ensure participants are suitably attired for the prevailing weather conditions and activity.

Be aware of any participant medical conditions that may affect the activity.

Make participants aware of conditions underfoot.

Fully brief participants on the activity, paying particular attention to risks highlighted in the Risk Assessments and Standard Operating Procedures.

Report any loss or damage to the equipment/activity.

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Instructor: Bonaly in house Trained and Assessed.

Ratio: The Instructor participant ratio will not exceed 1:12

Risk Assessment: The Instructor is required to be familiar with the site specific risk assessment and run the activity to these standards.

Site Induction: Site-specific training and assessment.

Instructors will gain instructing experience and familiarisation with the site-specific risk assessment by working with other instructors until assessed as competent