Scouts
Spen Valley



Girlguiding
Spen Valley Division

Risk Assessment	Low Ropes	Date of risk assessment	07/04/2026	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Michael Holroyd	Date for review	06/04/2027

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Severity	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Minimum Age	All	High	• All participants to be of the minimum age as per Spen Valley District Trustee Board authorisation (4 years+)	
Inappropriate running of the activity	All	High	• All activity instructors to sign the risk assessment log sheet and document, their permit number and expiry date prior to the session starting. • All activity instructors to have completed the Fanwood site specific activity training/familiarisation prior to running this activity. Activity leaders to ensure enough supervision is in place to monitor all aspects of the low ropes area for the size of the participating group. • Safety briefing given at start of session. • Activity Instructors to be mindful of the weather conditions and consider ending the session should the equipment become wet and slippery.	
Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment	All	High	• Good group management and monitoring of all aspects of the Low Ropes area required by activity leader. • Participants to be briefed in the introduction on uneven terrain and trip hazards. • Appropriate footwear to be worn. • Helmets to be worn for the duration of the activity. • Demonstration of good spotting technique, participants spotting people of a similar size to themselves. • Have participant's clean mud from shoes. Ensure shoelaces are tied securely.	
Injury to participant(s) and instructor(s)	All	High	• Suitable clothing for weather conditions.	

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			• If weather conditions are not conducive to safe sessions, limit time/change activity or reschedule.	
Participants' behaviour	All	High	• If in the opinion of the instructor the behaviour of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session will be stopped and the person or persons causing concern removed. • No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be allowed on the activity site.	
Strains and Sprains/Injury	All	Medium	• Safety briefing, warm up and stretching exercises prior to starting the activity. • Demonstrate good technique, ongoing monitoring, and good group management to be maintained by activity leader.	
Condition of the activity	All	Medium	• All equipment inspected prior to and after use and monitored during session. • Damaged equipment to be reported. • Participants shown how to correctly use equipment including manual handling. • Monitor correct usage throughout activity.	
Unauthorised use	All	Medium	• Low Ropes to remain locked when not in use	
Covid	All	High	• Government and scouting guidelines which are in force at the time the activity is run must be followed.	