

Kenelm Youth Trust Activity Risk Assessment – Abseiling

Hazards	Who is affected	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Control Measure	Further Risk Control Measure / Actions	Residual Risk
Fall from Castle edge	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Fatal	Activity participants to be roped at castle edge or otherwise protected by a safety line on approach to Scaffold barrier to prevent leaning over crenelations	Participants attached To a safety line whilst on platform	Low
Falling object	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Fatal	Participants briefed not to look up on hearing 'Below!' No unauthorised people in the barriered landing zone.	Helmets worn by all participants and Instructors.	Low
Anchor Failure	Instructors & Participants	Very Unlikely	Fatal	Anchor points selected by Technical Advisor	Annual safety inspection of platforms and scaffolding.	Low
Hair, jewellery or clothing trapped in equipment	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Slight harm	Before climbing participants are asked to remove jewellery, tuck away hair, loose clothing and draw cords etc.	Releasable abseil system in use	Low
Stuck Frozen	Instructors &	Unlikely	Slight harm	Systems, equipment used	Releasable abseil system	Low



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tangled abseiler	Participants			and training in release of tangled abseiler.	in use	
Equipment failure	Instructors & Participants	Very Unlikely	Fatal	Technical advice on Procurement, monitoring, All carabiners have a screw gate or self-locking mechanism	Chest or body harness used on those with ill defined waist.	Low
Cuts grazes rope burns pinches sprains etc.	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Slight harm	Alert group to hazards of venue/activity.	The speed of decent is controlled by the instructor to minimise risk of injury.	Low
Harnesses and helmets incorrectly fitted	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Fatal	Participants fitted with equipment by a suitably trained person.	Instructor to check the equipment prior to the abseil	Low
Inversion	Instructors & Participants	Likely	Slight harm	Instructors will provide clear instruction to avoid inversions. Instructors to ensure correct use and fitting of equipment.	Instructors may fit a chest harness to participants if required.	Low
Unauthorised access	Instructors & Participants	Unlikely	Fatal	Access to and from the waiting area is controlled by a suitably competent member of the residential team.	Two instructors present at the top of the abseil. Access to the cordoned off landing area is managed by a team member.	Low
Asthma attacks and other medical conditions	Instructors & Participants	Likely	Harmful	Medical conditions are pre-notified at time of booking	Instructor to check participants have medication with them.	Low





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Procedure for guard rail scaffold to be removed/replaced	Instructors & Participants	Very Unlikely	Fatal	Guard rail scaffold only to be removed once the abseil system is set up and the instructor has a safe system in place		Low
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Risk assessment conducted by:	Signature:	Date:	Approved by:	Signature:	Next scheduled review date:
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