



RISK ASSESSMENT: Gladiator Challenge & Jacob's Ladder

The below risk assessment has been provided by High-Low ropes course consulting ltd upon request from your organisation. It is intended to act as a guide for you and your team to compile your own site-specific document.

IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR YOUR ACTIVITY AND DOES NOT REPLACE THE TRAINING OF COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS.

In the below assessment a person who is qualified and competent to take groups and carry out the activity will be referred to as instructor.

All other persons including (but not limited to) Guests, Clients, Spectators, and members of the general public will be referred to as participant.

How this risk assessment will be scored

LIKELIHOOD (Chances of occurrence)		SEVERITY (Outcome)	
2	Remote Possibility	2	Negligible Injury
4	Unlikely	4	Minor Injury
6	Possible	6	Major Injury or Disability
8	Very Likely	8	Death
10	Certainty	10	Multiple Deaths

HAZARDS		BEFORE CONTROLS		
		LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY = RISK RATING		
1	Ground based slips trips and falls by instructors and participants.	2	4	8
2	Fall because of faulty PPE	4	8	32
3	Fall because of instructor error	2	8	16
4	Falling objects from above	2	6	12
5	Catastrophic failure of the safety system	2	10	20
6	Unauthorised access	4	6	16
7	Adverse Weather	6	2	12
8	Entanglement in activity.	4	4	16

LOW (1 – 30)	MEDIUM (30 – 40)	HIGH (40 – 80)	VERY HIGH (80 – 100)
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Who Might Be Harmed?

1	Instructors
2	Participants

Controls

Current control for recognized potential risk		In-Place	
		YES	NO
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Staff should be experienced leading groups in an outdoor environment. b) Paths should be clearly marked and maintained to be kept free from trip hazards. c) A briefing should be carried out to ensure ALL participants are aware of a safe code of conduct. 		
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All equipment is checked in accordance with PPE regulations and visually inspected prior to every use. b) An external PPE inspector should carry out periodical and appropriate checks. 		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All instructors should be trained and assessed by an external independent party. b) Staff observations should be carried out periodically to ensure that skills stay sharp, and instructors stay current and competent 		
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A visual inspection will be carried, by the instructor out prior to every session. b) An inspection at hight will be carried out periodically by a competent member of staff. 		

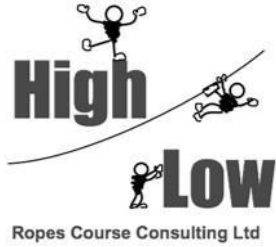
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	c) An external inspector will check all trees in the area for issues in line with the company inspection schedule.		
5	a) The instructor will carry out a visual inspection before every session. b) An inspection at hight will take place periodically by a competent member of staff. c) An external independent inspector will carry out annual inspections, and ALL recommended remedial work will be undertaken.		
6	a) All ropes will be taken down over night. b) Ladders will be removed and secured where appropriate. c) All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure the site is secure and that any activity that can be climbed ground up is secure and access is denied.		
7	a) Instructors are experienced outdoor experts and will dress accordingly, and in line with their duty of care will make sure that participants also dress for the weather. b) In the event of a thunderstorm/or lightening Activity will stop. c) In the event of hot weather, water will be made available, and more rest will be given to participants.		
8	a) Participants should be briefed on the correct way to use the activities. b) Instructors will be trained in rescue procedures for activities they are operating, and these will be practiced periodically. c) Good group control and 'soft skills' training will be given to instructors.		

Risk Rating After Controls

		LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY = RISK RATING		
1	No additional measures to those stated above are required.	Low	Low	Low

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Further Action Required

Specify any further action required		Date Completed
1	None required	

Assessment completed by:	
Date:	
Signed:	
Position:	

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