

WHEEL CHAIR COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT

Date of assessment: July 2024
 Review Date: Annually, or if an incident / accident occurs – or if there is a change in the site operational procedure.
 Location: Wheel chair compound in climbing area
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Severity 0 – 10
 Likelihood 0 - 10
 Rating 0 - 100
 0 being the lowest possible value
 Rating = Likelihood X Severity
All Hazards should fall within the adequately controlled category or lower.

Rating:	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10
Action:	Immediate action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further investigation	Adequately controlled	Trivial risk

			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RATING	CONTROL
Slips, trips and falls when navigating around the site	All	Group control. Group instructed to be careful when moving around site, Adult supervision required around site – no unattended minors to be allowed on site. Hazards to be reported to office and action taken to remove or reduce risk – e.g. large holes, fallen branches etc. Anti-slip rubber mats used in slippery areas and on ramps when needed.	4	3	12	Adequately Controlled
Horseplay whilst on session	All	Activity to be supervised by an instructor, leader or Responsible adults. Session to be stopped if behaviour prevents the instructor / leader effectively supervising the group. Adequate ratios of adults to minors in line with the association’s rules and policies.	6	2	12	Adequately Controlled
Adverse Weather Conditions	All	In extreme Weather assess the safety of the area and participants. –Assess the danger and risk and stop if the rain/wind is causing issues with safety. Extreme heat –watch for signs of dehydration –Find shaded areas and water bottle stops in place.	8	2	16	Adequately controlled

Equipment / course failure		All equipment is checked by instructors prior to use. All equipment is checked and logged monthly for faults and defects. All equipment usage is logged. Course inspected monthly by staff and annually by a qualified course inspector plus prior to each session. Weight limit of 17 stone in place as per wheelchair manufacturer's recommendations	8	2	16	Adequately Controlled
Misuse of equipment/facility	Participants Or other site users	Equipment not to be left unsupervised. Course gates to be locked when not in use. Wheelchairs stored in locked caged area of barn when not in use.	5	3	15	Adequately controlled
Participant falling from course	All	Instructor to brief group on wheelchair control. All participants to practice skills and chair control on flat surface first. A minimum of two spotters per participant, With an instructor and or group leader spotting in places on elements with higher degree of difficulty. Helmets to be worn by participants in wheelchairs	5	3	15	Adequately controlled
Entrapment of feet when falling	Participant	Footrests removed following several grazes and ankles being trapped when the wheelchair falls over. No further entrapments since adjustment to risk assessment				Adequately controlled Footrests removed 2019
Medical	Participant	Participant asked to declare any medical conditions that may be affected or impact on the safety of the session prior to the start of this activity	4	3	12	Adequately controlled