

RISK ASSESSMENT – ABSEILING WITH PURE ADVENTURE – JERSEY

Instructors are certified by SPA (Single Pitch Award) accreditation

HAZARD OBSERVED	RISK BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING
Tripping over ropes and risk of damage to ropes	Injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors are taught to store spare rope away from areas where clients are walking. • The importance of care of ropes is brought to the attention of the group as are the safety implications of standing on ropes. 	Safety brief at start of activity with guidelines on rope use.	Low
Rope burns	Injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must wear a glove on hand controlling rope during abseil, • these to be destroyed and disposed of when unserviceable. 	Safety kit provided	Low
Falling rocks	Injury, death	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants and instructors must wear helmets at all times during abseiling sessions • This reduces the risk of head injury from falling objects. • Staff must ensure helmets do not constantly require adjusting 	SPA instructors and assistants to check appropriate headgear worn and pre-visit site	Medium
Equipment failure	Injury, death	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment to be replaced in accordance with manufacturers Recommendations. In the case of onsite ropes minimum of every • Year replacement and off site stored ropes every 2 years. Helmets. Karabiners every 5 years. • Stitch plates, belay devices etc to be replaced as advised by the manufacturers recommendations. • Gear can fail due to overload – people over 18 stones carefully managed. 	Log of all kit, ropes used and date purchased to ensure confident replacement deadlines are in place.	Medium

Entangled in rope	Injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All long hair must be tied back and tucked inside jackets, as per• operational procedures, all abseil pitches should have releasable abseil rope type or other proven methods of quick release.	Instructors to ensure participant is clothed suitable and that hair and other items that may get caught are tied away	Low
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