

Risk Assessment for Adventure Forest Ltd T/as Go Ape! &/or Go Ape! EOT

SUBJECT: Trash Free Trails

RISK ASSESSMENT REF: TFT/2026/V2

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Risk Matrix								
Risk rating guidance	Likelihood (L)	5	5	10	15	20	25	Likelihood (L) x Severity (S) = Risk Rating (RR).
		4	4	8	12	16	20	
		3	3	6	9	12	15	
		2	2	4	6	8	10	
		1	1	2	3	4	5	
			1	2	3	4	5	
Severity (S)								
Acceptability of risk guidance	High-risk: 15 – 25		High-risk activities should cease immediately. Further effective control measures to mitigate risks must be introduced.					
	Medium-risk: 8 – 12		Medium-risks should only be tolerated for the short-term and only whilst further control measures to mitigate the risks are being planned and introduced.					
	Low-risk: 1-6		Low-risks are largely acceptable. Where it is reasonable to do so, efforts should be made to reduce risks further.					
Guidance. When completing a risk assessment, you should:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the persons at risk and the significant hazards. 2. Calculate an initial RR for the activity. 3. Identify risk control measures that reduce the risks to an acceptable level. 4. Calculate a revised RR - you should consider how much safer the task will be if the control measures are followed. Here, you should consider changing both the likelihood (L) and the severity (S) ratings. 							
Note. Ideally, you should look to reduce the risks so that the task can be classified as “low-risk”.								

Likelihood	Definition	Points rating
Inevitable	If the work continues as it is, there is almost 100% certainty that an accident will happen, for examples: A broken stair or broken rung on a ladder, Bare, exposed electrical conductors, Unstable stacks of heavy boxes	5
Highly likely	Will happen more often than not. Additional factors could precipitate an incident but it is still likely to happen without this additional factor.	4
Possible	The accident may occur if additional factors precipitate it, but it is unlikely to happen without them.	3
Unlikely	This incident or illness might occur but the probability is low and the risk minimal.	2
Remote possibility	There is really no risk present. Only under freak conditions could there be any possibility of an accident or illness. All reasonable precautions have been taken - This should be the normal state of the workplace.	1

Severity	Definition	Points rating
Very high	Causing multiple deaths and widespread destruction eg. fire, course/building collapse.	5
High	Causing death, serious injury or permanent disability to an individual.	4
Moderate	Temporary disability causing injury (to member of the public, contractor or employees) or disease capable of keeping an employee off work for seven days or more and reportable under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995).	3
Slight	Minor injury (to member of the public, contractor or employee), which would allow the individual to continue work after first aid treatment on site or at a local surgery. The duration of the stoppage or treatment is such that the normal flow of work is not seriously interrupted.	2
Nil	Very minor injury, bruise, graze, no risk of disease.	1

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Personal protective equipment (PPE) assessment								
Type of PPE:								
	Head	Foot	Eye	Hand	Hearing	Hi-Visibility Vest	RPE	Fall Arrest

	HAZARD	L	S	RR	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROL MEASURES	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES: Reviewed annually to formulate Risk Reduction Plan	L	S	RR
2	Trips & falls due hazards in forest environment and car park.	4	2	8	Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video briefing before the activity to advise customers to walk slowly, looking out for moving vehicles and bicycles, and to be aware of trip hazards and uneven ground. Customers to be warned if the trails or walking route cross any forest roads or car park areas, to look out for moving vehicles. Site team can share site specific information and suggested routes, highlighting any road or cycle crossings. 		1	2	2
3	Getting lost and/or injured whilst away from our care.	3	2	6	Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested trail route given by site team along with site map. Time leaving and returning to/from cabin, and number in group recorded, in cabin log. Cabin phone number given to group leader for emergency. The group 		1	2	2

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						<p>leaders' phone number to be on record in case group misses expected return time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If mobile signal is a problem, then a site radio can be issued instead. 				
4	Injury through picking up objects that are heavy	3	2	6	Customers and Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The activity brief instructions inform the customers not to try and pick up anything that may be too heavy. 		1	2	2
<p>References: HSE 5 Steps to Risk assessment INDG 163 HSE A Guide to Risk Assessment requirements INDG 218</p>										
<p>Control Measures. Where a control measure has been identified, it is only included once and not repeated under every subject. Therefore, for a specific hazard identified, a control measure noted above may apply to that hazard. (HSE RA guidance.)</p>										
<p>Go Ape operational and training systems. These include the following: Go Ape Operations on how to run a Go Ape Activity, Go Ape Training Manual including training and assessment policy, Practical Session plans and online training and Go Ape Company Handbook.</p>										
<p>Instructor Training. Go Ape staff must undertake relevant training and assessment programme specific to their role. They undergo training in accordance with the Go Ape Online Training Manual</p>										