East Sussex County Council

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM



Workplace	Buzz Active	Likelihood (L)	X	Severity (S)
Department	Children's Services	Almost Impossible	1	Insignificant (minor injury, no time off)
Risk Assessor	R Wilson/ P Lansdown	Unlikely	2	Minor (injury and up to 7 days off)
Room/Area	Bushy Wood	Possible	3	Moderate (injury causing more than 7 days off)
Activity/Task	Slack Line	Likely	4	Major (death or serious injury)
Date reviewed	11/02/2025	Almost Certain	5	Catastrophic (multiple deaths)
Benefit of activity	Teambuilding, learning new skills, fun, balance. Co-ordination, communication, trust, self esteem, problem solving, confidence	Low = 1-8	Medium	= 9-14 High = 15-25

What are the significant, foreseeable, hazards?		Who is at Risk?	(What is already in place/done) can be put in place to reduce the		What additional control measures can be put in place to reduce the risk		Revised Risk Rating			
(t)	he dangers that can cause harm)	INGK:	(What is alleady in place/dolle)	L	S	R	further?	L	s	R
1	Weather	Everyone	Keep an eye on forecasts, plan appropriately. Appropriate clothing worn and breaks given. If wet brief the group on ground condition and the surface of the slack line.	5	1	5	Suitable coverage and location		1	3
2	Slips trips and falls	Everyone	Adequate brief given and good spotting techniques from the participants. Good line placement no higher than knee height Awareness of line grazing the leg if foot slips, long leggings or trousers are more suitable. No running at the session site due to tripping over the line.	4	1	4				

3	Line failing	Everyone	Thorough check of line for damage and checks to make sure it is kept in good working order. Use tree protector to look after the tree and the line. Check the line after initial use to re- tighten and double check it has been locked off. Correct installation and rachet is locked off prior to use. Check the health of the trees and the appropriate size of 30 cm diameter prior to set up.	1	3	3		
4	Uneven ground	Everyone	Good briefing from instructor. Selecting the appropriate site for set up-no gradient, removing objects that might cause harm. Suitable footwear for activity. Clearing ground beneath line.	2	2	4		
5	Graze from the line	everyone	Goof briefing from instructor. Suitable clothing worn. Good spotting techniques	2	2	4		
6	Biohazards	everyone	Check area before use, clear any waste. Tell the group to wash hands after session	5	1	5		
7	Falling objects	Everyone	Visual check of trees, good weather forecast, strong winds need to be assessed.	2	1	2		
8	People/ Struck by object	Everyone	Briefing of group about good balance, warmups, technique, and awareness of dangers of sudden body movements, swinging limbs. Where to stand to avoid swinging arms. Correct way to offer help by flat hand placement on arm or shoulder not to hold hands or fingers interlocking that may cause sudden pulling.	3	2	6		

9	Muscle strains	Everyone	Good warmups before the session. Solid briefing involving correct technique.	2	1	4		
10	Other people on site	All	Remove the lines after use, anyone on site who you don't recognise should be confronted and removed. Keep group clear of other clients and groups	2	1	2		
11	Wildlife	All	Don't approach any wildlife unnecessarily, if injured or hurt report to the site management. Do not feed or encourage.	1	2	2		

Action Plan (when will the above additional control measures be implemented and by whom?)

Action	By Whom?	Deadline	Date Completed

Signature and review

Name of Manager:		Signature of Manager:		Date:	
1 st review undertaken by:	P Lansdown	Signature of Manager:	P Lansdown	Date:	11/09/2022
2 nd review undertaken by:	P Lansdown	Signature of Manager:	P Lansdown	Date:	18/01/2023
3 rd review undertaken by:	P Lansdown	Signature of Manager:	P Lansdown	Date:	23/01/2024
4 th Review undertaken by:	R Wilson	Signature of Manager:	R Wilson	Date:	11/02/2025