

Risk assessment for problem solving/team tasks at Henley Fort, High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners

Human Hazards

Hazard type	Who may be harmed	Is the risk adequately controlled
All hazards	All Participants and Staff	Appropriately trained Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD) staff to facilitate ensuring supervision of participants. All participants to be briefed clearly on task and how to safely achieve the aim. Each task is individually risk assessed prior to commencement of activity. Examples as below. See 'general' risk assessment for SOLD centre.
Falling/slipping	All Participants and Staff	Safety brief before each task. Staff to check area prior to session and remove any tripping / slipping hazards present.
Trapped feet - See saw	All Participants and Staff	All participants to be briefed clearly on task and potential hazard. Appropriately trained SOLD staff to facilitate task.
Lifting – For example, spiders web	All Participants and Staff	Brief groups on safe lifting & lowering techniques. Participant must lie on back whilst being lifted.
Trapped fingers whilst moving planks - for example, yoghurt / acid swamp	All Participants	Brief groups of potential danger. Instructor to carefully monitor.
Splinters whilst handling planks	All Participants and Staff	SOLD staff to check planks prior to session. Brief given to participants.
Falling off equipment – for example, see saw / T P shuffle	All Participants	Staff to brief participants to stay within the safety areas on the equipment. Instructor to closely supervise task.
Falling off equipment – For example, all aboard	All Participants	A knot maybe tied in the end of the rope to aid swinging across but this must clear each of the platforms. Instructor to closely supervise task and spot when necessary.

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Injury during trust falls	All Participants	Instructor to closely supervise task. Brief group on safe spotting techniques.

Environment Hazards

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Face eye and body injuries from vegetation	All Participants and staff	Group briefed prior to activity. Full body covering when/if running through vegetation or use the paths only. Warn participants about branches & stems hazards. Ensure clients with asthma or any allergic reactions are known an appropriate medication is carried.
Collision with objects while blind folded	All Participants	Ensure sighted participants within the group. Closely supervise the group.

Equipment Hazards

Hazard type	Who may be harmed	Is the risk adequately controlled
Equipment failure	All Participants and staff	Equipment maintained and checked prior to each usage by appropriately trained SOLD staff.
Personal Injury during Task, For example, 'tube dash' team task	All Participants and staff	Group briefed prior to activity. Ensure activity area is clear. On grass or soft ground. Stop participants from diving through tube.
Rescue Bob/ Mess tent game - injury from hook	All Participants	Participants are briefed about the hook. They are briefed on 'no go' area.