

Ropes Course

Risks:

1. Injury due to falling
2. Equipment failure or misuse
3. Head injury
4. Rope burn
5. Emotional injury
6. Injury due to unsupervised use out of activity time.
7. Injury to people not involved in the session.

Risk

Risk Management

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| all | a. All instructors will be trained and assessed before taking groups on the ropes course. Only those authorised by the Centre Manager are to run ropes course sessions. |
| all | b. Instructor to student ratio will not exceed 1:10. There will normally be at least two instructors on any ropes course session involving children. |
| all | c. Safety procedures and risk disclosure will be included in the student briefing. |
| 3,7 | d. Helmets will be worn by all instructors and students, including those who only wish to observe from the ground. |
| 1 | e. Everyone is to have at least one cow's tail clipped onto the safety cable at all times. Students are to have two cow's tails clipped on except during the process of passing a knot, tree, etc. Students are to practise the correct use of the cow's tails on the ground before going onto the ropes course. |
| all | f. Instructors are to check that the student understands the actions they must perform for the safe operation of the aerial runway before releasing them. The need to keep hands away from the pulley is to be emphasised. Instructors are also to check that no one is in the way of the descending student. |
| 5 | g. Instructors are to encourage students to step out onto obstacles and overcome fears. However, no student is to be forced to do anything which they are unwilling to do. No students should ever be in tears |

about the course. For some students even getting half way up a ladder is a great achievement and should be recognised as such.

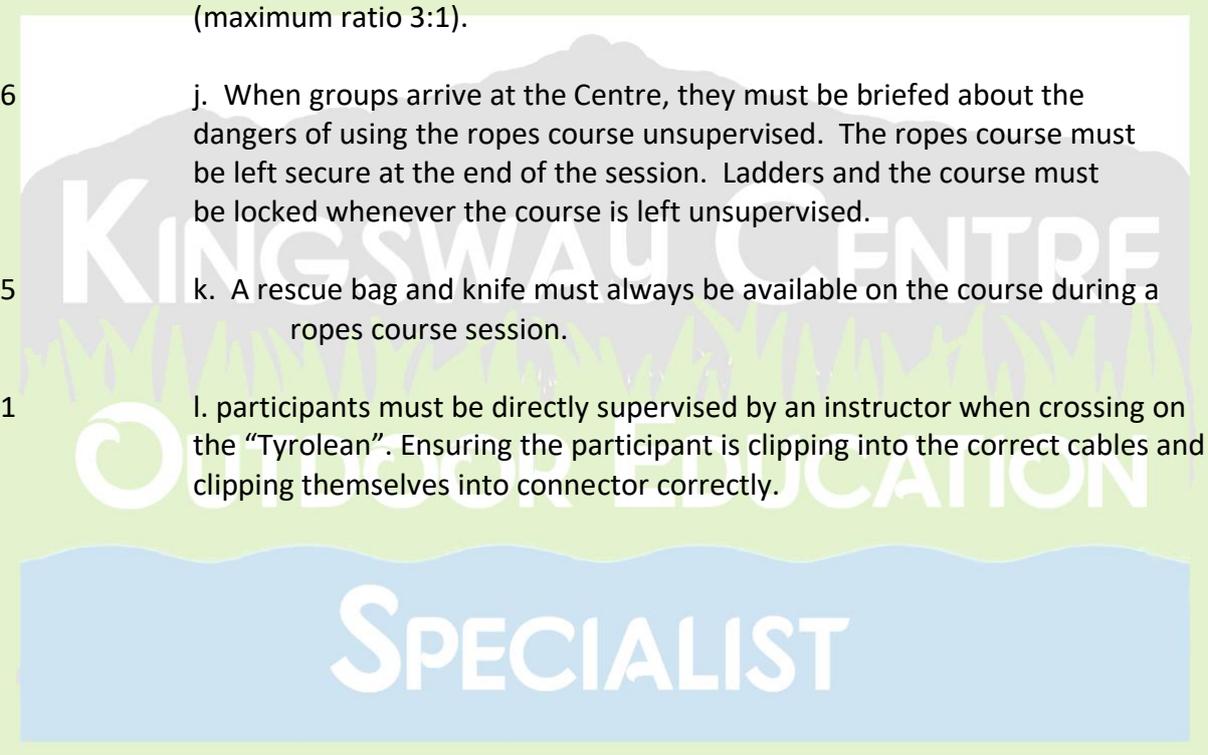
2 h. On a 6 monthly basis the ropes course will receive a full inspection, and on a regular basis the ropes course will be inspected for damage or signs of wear to the equipment, especially after windy weather. Instructors will conduct a safety check on all student equipment before students are allowed onto the course. Students are to be briefed to have their equipment re-checked by an instructor if they remove or swap any of their equipment (i.e. after going to the toilet).

1,2 i. Instructors will position themselves on the course so that they can ensure correct operation of the cow's tails by group members. Where children under the age of 8 use the course, they are to be under the direct supervision of an adult who can reach their cows tails (maximum ratio 3:1).

6 j. When groups arrive at the Centre, they must be briefed about the dangers of using the ropes course unsupervised. The ropes course must be left secure at the end of the session. Ladders and the course must be locked whenever the course is left unsupervised.

5 k. A rescue bag and knife must always be available on the course during a ropes course session.

1 l. participants must be directly supervised by an instructor when crossing on the "Tyrolean". Ensuring the participant is clipping into the correct cables and clipping themselves into connector correctly.



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