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Flying Fox

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Activity overview

The Flying Fox Risk Management Plan contains the specific risks, control measures and gradings for this activity, as well as the gradings of all general risks relevant for all Upper Plenty Conference Centre activities. Please refer to the General Activity Hazards – Risk Management Plan for general risks and control measures.

Risk register

Risk description	Existing control measures	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk rating
Entanglement. Hair, jewellery, clothes	• Long hair to be tied back in a low style for activities • There should be no loose jewellery, scarves or objects worn that may become entangled • Jackets to be zipped, buttoned up or taken off	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Friction. Rope burn to helper or bystander along flight path or at dismount area	• Participants are instructed to climb the ladder carefully. One person at a time. • Helmet and harnesses should be fitted correctly before climbing ladder • Appropriate footwear must be worn	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium
Striking. Participant hitting platform, bystander or other object	• Instructor is to brief all group member and leaders on climbing steps and dismount procedures • Before sending participants off the platform the instructor must check the entire flight path is clear and free of obstructions (branches, vehicles, bystanders etc.) • Vigilant supervision by group leader at dismount area to enforce that no-one is in the flight path before or during operation	Rare	Moderate	Medium
Slip – Trip – Fall. 1. Participant slipping / falling whilst on the launch platform	• Participants are instructed to climb the steps carefully. Only 2 participants at a time. • Helmet and harnesses should be fitted correctly before climbing steps. • Appropriate footwear must be worn • Instructor to keep launch gates closed at all times unless participants are about to launch	Rare	Moderate	Medium
Slip – Trip – Fall. 2. Participant falling off Flying Fox whilst riding	• Participants are instructed not to hang upside down in the harness • Participants are wearing a full-body harness to prevent falls if inversion occurs • Equipment is checked by instructor prior to participant being connected to lanyard • Participants are instructed to hold onto the lanyard in front of them and not touch the carabiners	Rare	Major	Medium
Slip – Trip – Fall. 3. Participant tripping while walking back to launch site after riding.	• Instructor is to walk the return track at the start of the day to check for obstructions. • Participants are instructed to walk (not run) while walking back to the start. • Leader at landing zone is to attach pulley to harness using the backup carabiner.	Unlikely	Minor	Low

Risk description	Existing control measures	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk rating
Equipment Failure. Injury caused by incorrect use of, or worn equipment. Including; Harness / lanyards / carabiners / pulley / helmet etc.	• The instructor completes a check of all PPE (Harness, Helmet) and other equipment (Carabiners, Lanyard) immediately prior to each participant departing the platform • Program staff are trained to recognise worn or faulty equipment • Regular equipment checks are completed and recorded by site program staff • Equipment is used, maintained, stored and replaced in accordance with manufacturer guidelines • Activity and equipment usage is logged	Rare	Major	Medium
Structure Failure. Injury caused by; Cable breaking or other structure failure	• A visual inspection of the Flying Fox structure and area is completed prior to use • Periodic in-house maintenance checks are completed by qualified site staff • Annual activity checks are completed by qualified professionals • If structure is damaged or unsafe the activity is not to be undertaken until the issue has been rectified	Rare	Catastrophic	High

Likelihood and consequence matrix

Likelihood \ Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost certain	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Low • Entanglement. Hair, jewellery, clothes • Slip – Trip – Fall. 3. Participant tripping while walking back to launch site after riding.	Medium • Friction. Rope burn to helper or bystander along flight path or at dismount area	High	High
Rare	Low	Low	Medium • Striking. Participant hitting platform, bystander or other object • Slip – Trip – Fall. 1. Participant slipping / falling whilst on the launch platform	Medium • Slip – Trip – Fall. 2. Participant falling off Flying Fox whilst riding • Equipment Failure. Injury caused by incorrect use of, or worn equipment. Including; Harness / lanyards / carabiners / pulley / helmet etc.	High • Structure Failure. Injury caused by; Cable breaking or other structure failure

Emergency procedures

Follow site emergency procedures. Stop the activity if unsafe, administer first aid, and notify camp staff immediately.

Review

Review this plan before each use and after incidents or near misses.