

ASSESSMENT OF RISK FOR

Wiltshire County Council
Dept for Children & Education
Braeside Education Centre

Assessment of:

**High Ropes Course – Postman’s
Walk, Parallel Poles, Indiana Bridge**

Location: Braeside

Assessor (please print): E Waters

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HAZARDS	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?
List Hazards here:	List specific groups of staff / other people that are risk, e.g. visitors, young people, expectant mothers etc:	List existing control measures / systems and state how individuals at risk are notified of the control measures / systems in place:	List the risks which are not adequately controlled and the action you will take where it is reasonably practicable to do more:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wires and poles • Other participants • Height and potential for falling • Injury of qualified instructor – loss of instructor • Belayer fails to control system • Trips and slips on ground • Splinters from pole • Incorrectly fitted kit, or child fiddling with kit. • Structure or kit failure • Jewellery / clothing to become snagged or caught. • Falling between bridge / poles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Children • Youth Workers • Volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning about falling / descending • Participants to work together and be aware of where they are. • Correct PPE • 2 Qualified instructors to be present at all times, except in exceptional circumstance as approved by head of centre • Belayer to always be backed up by another individual, and Instructors to only be supervising 1 belayer at a time. (1 instructor will be needed on each side of the parallel poles to supervise 1 belayer.) • Verbal briefing of uneven surfacing. • Verbal warning about splinters, suitable long sleeved and long legged trousers to be worn. • All helmets and harness to be checked on individuals by qualified instructor – spanner maillon tight. • Safety checks each day / month /year • Jewellery to be removed and suitable long sleeved and long legged trousers to be worn, with no loose cords, laces etc. • Damaged or broken kit to be removed and reported to centre manager • When descending ask student to steer themselves around the obstacles. 	