

Risk Assessment Activity – Night Line

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<p>Overview: The Night Line is a designated activity area and out-of-bounds unless an instructor is present. Group leaders are expected to assist with the group during this activity. Preferred Staff to Client ratio 1:12 with a maximum of 1:16. The group will be blindfolded throughout. All instructors are first aid trained and emergency procedures are in place in case of a major accident.</p>				
Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels	
		Severity		
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Risk Category	Likely	Participants are accompanied by staff to and from the area and visual checks of the course are made by the instructor upon arrival. Safety checks of course are done bimonthly to ensure the course is in good working order.
		Minor		
		Medium		
Bumping head on trees or course	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Risk Category	Likely	Participants wear helmets and instructors monitor the group and guide participants when needed to prevent injury.
		Minor		
		Medium		
Cuts or grazes from ground / course	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Risk Category	Likely	Participants are brief on wearing long trousers and the general track is clear of larger and sharp objects. Instructors are present to step in to remove or reroute the group.
		Minor		
		Medium		
Falling off raised sections and steps	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Risk Category	Likely	Steps have anti slip wood on steps and handrails to use for balancing and other areas will be spotted if necessary. Instructors will warn of hazards when participants are approaching and guide where necessary.
		Minor		
		Medium		

Exacerbate personal injury	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Staff avoid using water (part of the session) whenever people have issues such as ear infections and can't get wet. The instructors know when to change and adapt the session by reading group information sourced by the group liaison.
		Minor	
		Low	
Eye irritation from goggles/blind folds	Guest/participants	Very unlikely	Blind folds are washed regularly, and goggles safety checked. Instructors will have participants remove blindfold and/or goggles if any irritation occurs. First aid kits contain sterile eye wash.
		Major	
		Medium	