

Name of activity, event, and location	Zip Wire Cudham Shaws Outdoor Centre	Date of risk assessment	August 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	J. Baxter
		Date of next review	January 2023		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Slips Trips and Falls	All Involved	Participants warned of the dangers of running around the Zip Wire areas and advised to wait in a suitable area. Also, when running/walking back to the top	
Competent Leader	All Involved	Only competent leaders are to run the Zip Wire who familiar with the operating procedures	
Falling objects	Young People	Participants asked to remove objects from pockets and ensure shoes are fastened prior to going on the Zip Wire. Groups informed wait in a suitable area whilst they wait. All apparatus checked in line with inspections procedure. Leader at Zip bottom must stand to side of the wire to avoid ropes and objects.	
Falls from logs etc Cuts, bruises, broken bones	Young People	The young people are to be advised of the correct method of mounting and dismounting for the equipment and any difficulties in using it.	
Faulty apparatus	All Involved	Regular inspection by trained staff and a yearly inspection by an externally qualified inspector.	
Youth members not suitable for Zip Wire	Young People	Leaders are to ensure that the youth members are of sufficient size and physical strength to undertake the activity without causing harm to themselves or others	
Hair, clothing or jewellery trapped in equipment	Young People	Participants briefed to tie hair back and remove any objects / jewellery that could become trapped. Briefing at start of session reinforces the need to lean head away from the Zip wire.	
Collision with Passers-by	All Involved	Participants informed to walk on outsides of wires on way back to the top. No vehicles or anybody to walk under Zip Wire while in use.	
Rescue off Zip Wire	Young People	Only competent leaders to run the Zip Wire	

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Encroachment by wild animals	All involved	There are a variety of Encroachment wild animals at Cudham Shaws and whilst it is unlikely that they will encroach upon the activity whilst it is being used all members should be made aware of the possibility and are to remain quiet and still until the animals have moved on.	
Inclement weather	All involved	Whilst it is possible to use some of the equipment in inclement weather the leader in charge should be aware of the increased hazards that this will provide and be prepared to stop the activity if it is felt the risk has become too high. The activity is not to proceed in a thunder storm or when lightning is around.	