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## Risk Assessment Considerations – Ropes Related Activities: Bridges, Swings and ‘Jungle Gyms’

<b>Activity Assessed:</b>				<b>Date:</b>			
<b>Activity Location:</b>				<b>Next Assessment Due:</b>			
<b>Assessed By:</b>							
Type of Hazard	Likelihood of Occurrence	Hazard Severity	Risk Factor	Action to be taken to reduce risk	New Likelihood of Occurrence	New Hazard Severity	New Risk Factor
Failure of Rope causing injury	3	4	12	Ropes chosen must be weight-bearing, suitable for the task and purchased from a reputable source. Ropes must be maintained, checked for damage prior to use. Best to remove after each session to clean and dry before storing	1	4	4
Falling from height	2	4	8	Any rope swings, rope lines and jungle gyms set up to be supervised by a competent adult who can assess heights and risk of falling.	1	3	3
Poor landing when jumping down from a height – sprains, strains	2	4	8	Engage individuals or group in considering choices about the height that feels safe to jump from. Individual recommendations or limits may need to be made for specific participants e.g. those with specific needs.	1	3	3
Rope Burns when in use or left up in woods	2	4	8	Clear conduct agreements when ropes in use. No ropes to be left up in woods. If as a jungle gym rope is clearly visible (colour and location) and up less than a week.	1	4	4
Jungle Gym – falling on tree stump / similar obstacle - bruising	3	2	6	All obstacles around Woodland Gym areas to be identified and removed where possible. Any remaining obstacles to be pointed out to participants. Participants taught to look for clear landing space.	2	2	4

Responsible adult to supervise at all times. Suitable ratio of trained adults to persons with tools. No activity may be carried out where there is an individual Risk Factor of 10 or above.

**Benefits and Opportunities: develops sense of proprioception and balance; develops physical strength; develops team building and problem solving skills and develops self confidence and trust**

\*All activities, games and crafts to be brought to groups in an age and stage appropriate manner\*