

# Risk Assessment

Name of activity / event / location	1st Walton Sea Scouts SlackLining	Date of risk assessment	31/03/2023	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Peter Carter
		Date of next review	01/10/2023		

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Category	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>Hazard</b> – something that may cause harm or damage. <b>Risk</b> – the chance of it happening.	Category to help organise risks	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	<b>Controls</b> – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	<b>Keep checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Choking	Away from HQ	All Participants	Ensure no food or drink including chewing gum etc. is being consumed during the activity	
Failure of equipment	Away from HQ	All Participants	All equipment should be checked for obvious faults before, during and after each session. ONLY Viking crew will set up/pack down the slacklines. Any damage should be reported to the quartermaster & the equipment should not be used until inspected, repaired & deemed safe. All equipment has a detailed inspection monthly & results logged	
Falls from slackline	Away from HQ	All Participants	Slackline never set up more than 50cm from ground. Location free from rocks & rubble	
injury whilst supporting those on slackline	Away from HQ	All Participants	Those supporting should be of a similar size to who they're supporting. Supporters should not put themselves at risk injury but attempting to catch fallers	
Lack of supervision	Away from HQ	All Participants	The activity must be supervised by a responsible person who takes overall charge of the session The instructor/ responsible person must be 18 years old or over.	

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			This activity must not be used by the young people unsupervised.	
Slackline set up too high or near a drop	Away from HQ	All Participants	Slackline never set up more than 50cm from ground. Slackline set up away any drops	
Spring/whip injury from rebound of slackline	Away from HQ	All Participants	Instructions given to not jump off the slackline, step down from it.	
Trips in activity area	Away from HQ	All Participants	Visual checks made by responsible person before the session. Obvious trip hazards removed or clearly marked	
Unsafe setting up/taking down of the slackline	Away from HQ	All Participants	Slacklines to be set up by Viking crew at: a suitable location free from rocks and obstructions using suitable trees. a clear distance from each other & other activities & hazards  Slackline to be un-tensioned or removed when not in use. When operating the tensioning ratchet, keep body parts, hair & clothing clear from the mechanism. The ratchet mechanism will be covered by padding to avoid tampering and protect users. Visual checks made by Viking Crew pre session. Rules & safety issues explained at beginning of activity or provided on crib sheet	

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