

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Blacktoft Beacon District	Date of risk assessment	11 th April 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Rachael Macadam Deputy District Commissioner Blacktoft Beacon District Scouts
	Slackline	Date of next review	11 th April 2023 or sooner if required.		

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?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Faulty equipment Injuries to users	Anyone using the equipment	Supervising adults to check all equipment prior to using it. Report any damages to District Team before returning to District Stores.	
Incorrect setup of equipment Injuries to adults whilst setting up the slackline Injuries to users whilst on the slackline	Supervising adults Anyone using the equipment	Adults not to overexert themselves when securing ground anchors. Fingers to be kept clear of ratchet when tightening and loosening. Ensure ground anchors remain secure whilst tightening slackline. Do not over tighten slackline with the ratchet – it is designed to stretch when stood on. Ensure the slack frames are stable with and without users on the slackline.	
Improper use of equipment Causing injury or damage to equipment that could cause an injury	Anyone using the equipment	Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision. Only suitable supporters and spotters used.	
Weather Risk of extreme temperatures during the activity session	Anyone using the equipment	Ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing for the weather. The Slackline can become slippery when wet. Supervising adults to consider safety of users before beginning if weather causes it to become wet during the activity, causing the slackline to become wet.	
Falling and slipping off the slackline Injury to user and supporters	Anyone using the equipment Supervising adults Supporters	Use of supporters and spotters for unconfident or inexperienced users. Slackline to be set to a suitable height for the users' confidence and experience. Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision – consider dismantling before allowing any free time near the setup area. Supervising adults and supporters to provide support when stepping on and off the slackline, if required.	
Floor Slips, trips, falls Risk to those on slackline and those supporting by walking alongside	Anyone using the equipment Supervising adults Supporters	Ensure ground is suitable to put the slackline over, clearing any obstructions as required, to allow users to fall off safely and supporters to walk alongside safely. Ensure users have suitable footwear on – closed toed shoes.	

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Other users Collisions, tripping up, grabbing others or their clothing	Anyone using the equipment Supporters	Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision. Only suitable supporters and spotters used. Only 1 person on the slackline at once. Setup a clear queuing/waiting area to keep the activity area clear.	
Behaviour Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions could lead to accidents.	Anyone using the equipment	Slackline is not to be used without adult supervision. Setup a clear queuing/waiting area to keep the activity area clear.	

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