



RAMS – CAVING

Hazard	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk rating	Controls	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Staff inexperience or poor judgement	5	C	H	<p>An Outward Bound Australia (OBA) Group Leader (GL) manages the activity and the site using their knowledge, experience and training combined with a strict framework for working within the Procedures, Guidelines and Teaching Points of the Operations Manual.</p> <p>Specifically, from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duty of Care - Hazardous Tree Assessment - Weather - Supervision Ratio Table - Behaviour Management - Child Protection - Program set up - General - Horizontal Caving <p>Other relevant policies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manual Handling Policy - Gear Maintenance and Replacement Policy <p>Additional oversight for activities is provided through the Program Coordinator/Head of Operations in the approval and running of programs depending upon additional factors which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screening of Participants - Weather conditions - Fire Danger Rating 	2	A	L
Damaged and/or failure of equipment, including safety equipment	5	C	H		2	A	L
Incorrect and/or insufficient activity equipment	5	C	H		1	A	L
Loading/unloading and carrying heavy equipment	5	C	H		2	A	L
Unclear or inadequate briefing and/or skills session	3	B	M		1	A	L
Inadequate supervision	3	C	M		2	A	L
Unclear or inadequate safe area	3	C	M		1	A	L
Participant competency and/or behaviour	5	C	H		2	A	L
Cold exposure and underground climate	3	C	M		2	B	L
Wet, slippery entrance and passages throughout the cave system. Usually worse after rain events.	5	B	H		1	A	L
Graffiti and/or environmental damage all through the cave.	2	D	M		2	A	L
Exposure to underground environment including guano	3	C	M		1	A	L



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Narrow, tight squeezes in multiple sections of cave.	3	C	M	- Technical Files All GLs to conduct a field risk assessment prior to starting the activity or use of the site as per the Operations Manual. Activities protocol Procedures for cancellation: notify the PC of any changes to the activity, sites or conditions of activity/participants/site. Yes or No go activity?	1	A	L
Proximity to public road	5	C	H		3	A	L
Public use of the site.	4	C	H		2	B	L