



# RAMS – ROPING

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"> <li>- Duty of Care</li> <li>- Hazardous Tree Assessment</li> <li>- Weather</li> <li>- Supervision Ratio Table</li> <li>- Behaviour Management</li> <li>- Child Protection</li> <li>- Program set up</li> <li>- General</li> <li>- Roping</li> </ul> <p>Other relevant policies to the activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manual Handling Policy</li> <li>- Working at Height Policy</li> <li>- Gear Maintenance and Replacement Policy</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Screening of Participants</li> <li>• Weather conditions</li> <li>• Fire Danger Rating</li> <li>• Technical Files</li> </ul>	2	A	L
Damaged and/or failure of equipment, including safety equipment	5	C	H		2	A	L
Unstable trees and/or tree branches at site	5	C	H		1	A	L
Exposure to weather and changing weather conditions adverse to roping (e.g. high winds, thunderstorm)	5	C	H		2	A	L
Snakes, spiders, ants and other wildlife can be encountered	5	C	H		2	A	L
Uneven terrain around the activity and trip hazards	4	D	H		2	B	L
Inadequate supervision	5	C	H		2	A	L
Incorrect or insufficient activity equipment	5	C	H		2	B	L
Unsecure stash site for gear & equipment	3	C	M		2	A	L
Unclear or inadequate briefing and/or skills session	4	C	M		2	A	L
Unclear or inadequate safe area	4	C	M		2	A	L
Incorrect activity set up	5	C	H		2	B	L
Loading/unloading and carrying heavy equipment	3	C	M		2	B	L
Participant competency and/or	5	C	H		2	A	L



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behaviour				All GLs to conduct a field risk assessment prior to starting the activity or use of the site as per the Operations Manual.			
Proximity to members of the public	3	C	M		1	A	L
Proximity to public road/vehicle traffic	5	C	H		2	B	L
				<b>Activities protocol</b> Procedures for cancellation: notify the PC of any changes to the activity, sites or conditions of activity/participants/site. <b>Yes or No go activity?</b>			