

General Activities Risk Assessment

Location:	The Bear Grylls Adventure - Birmingham	Date of issue:	31.03.2021
Location/Department:	Operations – All activities	Date of next review:	30.03.2022

Venue Wide – Including all common and activity specific areas

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control	Risk Rating
COVID-19: Cross contamination between staff, guests, site visitors and contractors.	All	1. Building capacity and activity group sizes have been adjusted to allow 2 metre social distancing to be maintained. 2. All staff and guests are required to follow social distancing guidance by maintaining a 2-metre space between individuals or household groups 3. All staff have undertaken training on social distancing within their departmental areas 4. Key operational staff will be divided into departmental groups that; Avoid contact while on-site Have staggered start and break time 5. Where public are required to queue social distancing markers and signage have been introduced. 6. Increased staff presence in all common areas (internal and external) to ensure staff and guests are following social distancing requirements 7. Emergency assembly points have been reviewed and comply with social distancing requirements 8. All staff are health screened before entering the building. Health screening includes non-contact temperature checks. Anybody with a temperature above 37.8°C will be refused entry. 9. Contactless payment has been adopted at all till areas. 10. 20+ Hand sanitiser stations installed across site 11. Increased hygiene and social distancing awareness signage implemented across the site including; Hand washing and hygiene signage in bathrooms Hand hygiene reminder signage across common areas Social distancing reminder signage in common areas Retail signage denoting maximum capacity, refrain from handling goods and control of youngsters. 12. Enhanced cleaning of all common touch points has been introduced (minimum 3 times per day throughout opening hours) 13. All departmental areas have been risk assessed to ensure COVID-19 related control measures are in place 14. Any time that a staff member must be within 2 meters of a guest the duration of this time is kept to a minimum and face to face contact must be avoided. 15. Hygiene screens fitted at serving counters; Admissions & Photos Food & Beverage Retail 16. Pre-arrival information for guests encourages the use of face coverings while on-site.	Low

		17	Staff to wear nitrile gloves in specified guest facing positions	
			Where staff are required to be within 2 metres of a guest (i.e. fitting a harness or	
		10.	completing first aid) they are required to wear a disposable or cloth face covering and nitrile	
			gloves.	
COVID 10. First Aid Where a guest IS NOT suspected of being	All	1.	First aider to always assume a risk of COVID-19 is present	Low
COVID-19: First Aid – Where a guest <u>IS NOT</u> suspected of being	All	2.	First aider to always attempt to maintain social distancing	LOW
symptomatic of COVID-19		3.	First aider to encourage self-treatment for minor issues	
		4.	If treatment is offered and social distancing cannot be maintained the following PPE is	
		1	required;	
			Disposable or cloth face covering	
			Nitrile gloves	
			Disposable apron	
			Eye protection	
		5.	First aider must wash and sanitise hands after treatment	
		6.	PPE to be disposed of or sanitised after use	
COVID 10. First Aid Whomas a great IC growth to action and a great and of	All	1.	Staff must wear the following PPE;	Moderate
COVID-19: First Aid – Where a guest <u>IS</u> symptomatic or is suspected of	\ \(\)	1.	FFP2 respirator face mask	wioderate
being symptomatic of COVID-19			Nitrile gloves	
			Safety Glasses or visor	
			Disposable apron	
		2.	Merlin COVID-19 Reactive Protocols (19/03/2020) must be followed	
		3.	An additional Enhanced Clean of touch points in areas where the guest has spent a	
		5.	significant time will be undertaken and any areas where there has been obvious visible	
			contamination with bodily fluids will be subject to a deep clean.	
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COVID-19: Public Bathrooms	All	1.	Enhanced cleaning of all common touch points has been introduced (minimum 3 times per	Low
			day throughout opening hours)	
		2.	Increased hygiene and social distancing awareness signage implemented across the site	
COVID-19: Ventilation	All	1.	Building ventilation is managed via 4 Trane AHU set to maximum fresh air capacity.	Low
		2.	Reduced capacities for social distancing are considerably below standard averages for the	
		_	buildings ventilation system.	
		3.	All AHU maintenance and filter schedules have continued as normal throughout closed	
			period and re-opening.	
Fire	All	1.	Daily checks for risk risks in place by Duty Manager	Low
		2.	Venue fitted with externally monitored automatic fire detection system throughout	
		3.	Venue fitted with sprinkler system throughout	
		4.	Electrical inspection of all wiring carried out annually	
		5.	All non-public doors locked, authorised staff only	
		6.	Emergency lighting in place and tested monthly and annually	
		7.	Fire Alarms tested weekly and serviced annually	
		8.	Evacuation procedure in place and trained regularly	
		9.	Evacuation routes are all signed and lead to muster point	
			Fire Extinguishers are checked weekly and serviced annually Sufficient number of staff are trained to use Fire Extinguishers	
	All	11.	Sufficient number of staff are trained to use Fire Extinguishers Only are booked visitors admitted to site.	Low
Security Threat	All	2.	Only pre-booked visitors admitted to site	Low
		3.	Staff trained in de-escalation techniques	
			BGA Incident Management Plan in place	
		4.	NEC security and NEC police presence across entire campus	
		5.	CCTV and vehicle mitigation provisions in place	
		6.	Staff trained in Run, Tell, Hide procedures	

Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls – Common areas and activity specific areas	All	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	All participants must complete a health disclosure form prior to starting the activity All participants are given a safety brief prior to activity All participants are given training as appropriate prior to activity All activities are supervised, and assistance is available at all times Instructors and Hosts are trained and assessed to lead groups on all activities All instructor training and assessments are logged, tracked and reassessed as required Any activity specific equipment is supplied	Low
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Loss or Damage of Participant Equipment	All	1. 2.	Secure lockers are provided free of charge to all venue visitors Participants must leave all loose items, jewellery and loose clothing (e.g. scarves) in the provided lockers	Low
Emotional distress - inc. panic & stress	All	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	All challenges are disclosed prior to activity commencing All activities are supervised and assistance is available at all times All activities are 'challenge by choice' Bypass options are available for participants who feel uncomfortable with an assault course element Instructors are trained to adjust the tone of the activity to suit the group to ensure any competitive elements are managed to be inclusive for all participants Consumption of alcohol prior to any activity is prohibited and participants will be precluded from activities with no alternative provided by the attraction should this be the case. Participants demonstrating verbal or emotional abuse towards others may be precluded from the activity and removed from site	Low

Activity - High Ropes

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control	Risk Rating
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls Equipment Failure	Participants	 Height restriction for high ropes is between 1.3m (4ft 2in) minimum to 2.03m (6ft 7in) maximum (height marker lines on entry sign for staff to use) Weight Restrictions for this is 130.5kg (20.5st) with no minimum restriction Instructors are responsible for attaching and detaching participants from belay system Instructors are always present on the course and continuously observing participants throughout activity Staff are qualified and assessed to Sky Trail Instructor Standard following RCI training syllabus Sky Trail continuous belay system designed to secure participants to the attraction elements at all times by use of pin-lock tamperproof connections Sky Trail continuous belay system requires no participant interaction Harnesses meet EN 12277 type C safety standard High Ropes course and associated equipment is inspected periodically (daily, weekly & monthly) by trained in-house instructors High Ropes course and associated equipment inspected annually by 3rd party inspection body under ADIPS scheme Instructors to ensure participants have removed all loose items and are suitably dressed prior to briefing Public access is prohibited under the high ropes structure Only manufacturer approved equipment used 	Low
Equipment Failure	Participants	 Only Marinacturer approved equipment used High Ropes course and associated equipment is inspected periodically (daily, weekly & monthly) by trained in-house instructors High Ropes course and associated equipment inspected annually by 3rd party inspection body under ADIPS scheme Any PPE found to be or suspected of being faulty must be quarantined and reported to high ropes management immediately Maximum weights (130kg/ 20.5st) of participants are set in accordance with manufacturers recommendations Maximum capacity for high ropes is managed by reduced capacity and a maximum group size. Maximum persons per platform and crossings are explained in the briefing and supervised by instructors. 	Low
Unauthorised access	Public	 High ropes structure is fenced to a minimum of 1.8m on all sides Access stairway is caged in unto 2m Entry gate padlocked when not in use During operational hours the high ropes structure is observed by staff to ensure unauthorised access is prohibited NEC have 24hr security patrols and additional CCTV that will monitor the area outside of BGA operational hours 	Low
Adverse weather – High Winds or Lightning	Participants	High Winds	Moderate

Wind speeds are recorded with an anemometer
 High Ropes course to be inspected after any significant high wind event
2. Lightning
 Instructors to monitor weather conditions as part of their daily inspections
 Activity will be halted immediately when thunder is heard or lightening
witnessed within the vicinity of the NEC
 All staff and participants must evacuate the structure.
 Activity will only resume after 30 mins of no thunder or lightning being observed
 If thunder or lightning are observed within the 30 min countdown the 30 min will
start again.
 Structures fitted with lightning conductors to ensure safe earthing in a lightning
strike event.
 High Ropes course to be inspected after any suspected or confirmed direct
lightning strike event

Activ	ity – Zi	ip Liı	ne
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Hazard	sons at Risk Existing Control	Risk Rating
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls Parti	1. Harness are fitted by instructor and double checked; the zip line briefing instructor completes a final check before the participant enters the dispatch zone 2. A gate/barrier is used to prevent access to the leading edge of the chinook platform 3. Participants are attached to the zip line by the instructor in the safe zone before being allowed to enter the restricted area 4. Attachment is by Koala trolley system and is rated to be tamper resistant 5. Staff are positioned at the entrance to the area while placing guests onto the zip line via their attachment. After all guests are attached, the instructor, who is attached to a separate safety system, is positioned beyond the gate for the dispatch of guests 6. Zip line is directly managed by instructors 7. Instructors must communicate via two-way radio using procedure detailed in the CoSWP 8. Zip line restraint system is in place to prevent early dispatch until line clear signal has been given by receiving team 9. Guests are instructed to walk rather than run out of the chinook	Low
Equipment Failure Parti	10. A back up zip buffer in place in the event of the zip stop failing. — back up brake 1. Only manufacturer approved equipment used 2. All PPE is given a pre-use inspection before each group 3. All PPE is inspected daily, with a full inspection every other month 4. All PPE is inspected annually by an external inspector for ADIPS compliance 5. Any PPE found to be or suspected of being faulty must be quarantined 6. All structures are given a daily inspection in accordance with manufacturers recommendations 7. All structures are inspected monthly by a tech trained staff member 8. All structures are inspected annually by an independent company for ADIPS compliance 9. Any issues/concerns must be reported to high ropes management immediately 10. Activity will be removed from public use until suitable inspection has taken place and any issues are resolved 11. Maximum weights of participants are set in accordance with manufacturers recommendations 12. Each zip line is limited to use by one person per line at a time	Low
	icipants 1. Zip landing area is fenced to a minimum of 1.8m 2. Entry gate padlocked when not in use 3. During operational hours the zip wire landing area is observed by staff to ensure unauthorised access is prohibited 4. NEC have 24hr security patrols and additional CCTV that will monitor the area outside of BGA operational hours 5. Chinook door is key locked overnight, and key code entry during operation	Low
Adverse weather – High Winds or Lightning Parti	1. High Winds Instructors to monitor weather conditions as part of their daily inspections. High wind conditions must be reported to management Maximum operational wind conditions are 30mph If instructors measure wind speeds 30mph + continuously within a 15min period, the zip line activity will be postponed until the wind speed become lower than 30mph	Moderate

The wind speed will be measured on the high ropes course by an anemometer
2. Lightning
 Instructors to monitor weather conditions as part of their daily inspections
 Potential lightning conditions must be reported to management
 Activity will be halted immediately when thunder is heard or lightening
witnessed within the vicinity of the NEC
 All staff and participants must evacuate the structure
 Activity will only resume after 30 mins of no thunder or lightning being observed.
If thunder or lightning are observed within the 30 min countdown the 30 min will
start again

Activity	y – Roc	k Clim	bing
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Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control	
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls	Participants	Bouldering and climbing walls built to meet BS EN 12572	Low
The state of the s		2. Routes set by experienced climbers in the team	
		3. Holds inspected daily by instructors	
		4. Any holds found to be unsafe will be marked/removed	
		5. If loose holds prevent safe use of the wall the activity must be stopped	
		6. Bouldering and climbing walls must be closed if any safety concerns are detected. Wall n	ust
		not be reopened until a full structural inspection has been completed	
		7. No spectators are permitted into the bouldering area	
		8. All participants are to be observed at all times	
		Bouldering areas to be closely managed to ensure participant safety	
		10. All participants must remove all loose-fitting items prior to activity commencing	
		11. All participants must remove all large hooped earrings and rings prior to briefing	
		12. Instructors must assess suitability of participants clothing prior to starting activity	
		13. Participant footwear will be closed toe footwear, preferably trainer style shoes	
		14. Any jewellery items that can't be removed need to be addressed with tape.	
		15. If a participant can't or won't remove loose fitting clothing, they must be precluded from	
		the activity	
		16. Group to understand the 'STOP AND DESCEND' command	
		17. 300mm safety surface flooring fitted below the bouldering wall	
		18. Participants should be spotted where appropriate while bouldering	
		19. Bouldering - Participants advised to climb down the wall but not to hold on if they feel	
		themselves falling and to bend knees on landing	
		20. Participants demonstrating unsafe behaviour will re-instructed on correct practice	
		21. Participants demonstrating deliberate unsafe behaviour will be precluded from the activity	y
		22. Bouldering wall limited to 3.6m high	
		23. Participants instructed not to climb above or below another climber on the wall	
		24. Participants told not to walk on the floor near the wall where there are climbers on the v	all
Equipment Failure	Participants	Bouldering and climbing walls built to meet BS EN 12572	Low
		2. Holds inspected daily by instructors	
		3. Any holds found to be unsafe will be marked/removed	
		4. If loose holds prevent safe use of the wall the activity must be stopped	
		5. Bouldering and climbing walls must be closed if any safety concerns are detected. Wall n	ust
		not be reopened until a full structural inspection has been completed	
		6. Bouldering and climbing areas inspected daily by instructors	
		7. Auto belay devices are inspected daily weekly and 6-monthly by instructors	
		8. Auto belay devices are inspected annually by 3 rd party manufacturer approved inspectors	
		9. Bouldering and climbing walls inspected annually by manufacturer	
		10. Climbing harnesses are inspected daily and monthly by instructors	
		11. Climbing harnesses are inspected 6-monthly by 3 rd party insurer approved inspector	

Activity — iFly				
Hazard Person Ris	Existing Control	Risk Rating		
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls Participal Participa				
Equipment Failure Particip	 Wind tunnel and all associated equipment inspected daily by instructors Wind tunnel inspected monthly by technical staff Wind tunnel and associated equipment inspected annually by 3rd party inspection body under ADIPS scheme VFD's and motors inspected annually by 3rd party inspection body 			
Unauthorised access Participal Pa				

Activity – Escape Room Persons at Hazard **Existing Control** Risk Rating Risk **Participants** Pre-use daily inspection prior to staff/guest use. Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls Low Flooring/Walkways and equipment visually inspected daily prior to guest entry Guests accompanied throughout majority of attraction with verbal instruction to minimise risk of Slips/Trips/Falls 4. Escape rooms are monitored via CCTV while being used by guests All equipment is inspected top ensure no sharp edges or finger traps are present Slide runouts fitted with padded mat to reduce impact 7. Participant safety briefing prior to using rooms, includes instruction to keep feet together and elbows in Participants provided with hessian sacks to sit on while descending the slide Slide gradient 30 degrees to restrict potential acceleration 10. All magnetic door locks unlock automatically in the event of a Fire Alarm trigger 11. Battery back-up lights fitted in all rooms and corridors **Equipment Failure Participants** Slide built to Manufacturer's specifications Low Pre-opening daily inspections completed by instructors Technical inspections completed Monthly Annual independent engineer inspection to satisfy ADIPS

Activity – Assault Course Persons at Hazard **Existing Control** Risk Rating Risk **Participants** Assault Course visually inspected as part of staff checks prior to guest use Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls Low Assault Course fitted with a soft impact style flooring to reduce risk of injury after a slip/trip/fall 3. Assault Course supervised at specific points throughout operational hours by trained and competent staff to minimise the risk of a Slip/Trip/Fall Condition of rubber mulch flooring visually inspected daily as part of opening checks prior to Participants accompanied by instructors at all times and verbally instructed throughout Specified supporting beams fitted with thick foam padding to reduce risk of major head 7. Group sizes monitored to reduce risk of multiple participants approaching elements at the Assault Course equipment subject to periodic (daily, weekly & monthly) inspections by Participants Low **Equipment Failure** activity instructors and technical team members 2. The assault course and all associated equipment is inspected annually by 3rd party inspector in compliance with; BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' o BS EN 15312 - Free access multi-sports equipment o BS EN 14974 – Skateparks o BS EN 16630 - Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment BS EN 16899 - Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Assault course is staffed during all operational periods

Assault course is monitored with CCTV

Entry exit doors are locked during non-operational periods

Participants

Unauthorised access

Low

Activity – Archery

Hazard	Persons at	Existing Control	Risk Rating	
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls	Risk Participants	 All participants are supervised by BGA staff throughout activity All participants are trained to respond to STOP command by stopping fire immediately All participants are instructed that bows must always face down the range All participants instructed to stay behind the shooting line whilst bows and arrows are available on the range Participants not permitted to use equipment until instructed by staff member Appropriate range layout with adequate overshoot and deflection area - design based on previous sites/experience within Merlin Group Participants provided with arm guard and glove Participants observed during activity to ensure shooters stance is correct to reduce risk of injury Instructor to assess suitability of participants clothing during the safety briefing Participants are not permitted to wear loose items around the neck - visually checked by instructor prior to activity Participants required to tie long hair back All bows and arrows physically inspected prior to guest use as part of AG-Team Leader opening checks All bows and arrows continually monitored visually/physically throughout the day by instructors 	Low	
Equipment Failure	Participants	 Only approved equipment to be used All participants must complete pre-activity equipment safety training All equipment to be inspected daily Equipment maintained and replaced as advised by manufacturer Any damaged equipment or suspected damaged equipment must be quarantined immediately Archery range and all associated equipment is inspected daily, weekly and monthly by qualified instructors Archery range and all associated equipment is inspected annually by 3rd party inspector in compliance with ADIPS scheme. 	Low	
Unauthorised access	Participants	 Only authorised staff have access to the range Range gates kept closed when ranges are not in operation Equipment is removed from range when site is closed Archery range monitored by CCTV 	Low	

Hazard	Persons at Risk		Existing Control	Risk Rating
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls	Participants	1.	Staff to observe participants at all times	Low
		2.	Instructors trained to by BSA qualified trainers	
		3.	Instructors must be a minimum of 21 years of age	
		4.	Range design to incorporate dividers to allow physical barrier between shooters	
		5.	Range designed to minimise the risk of ricochet	
		6.	Appropriate range layout with adequate overshoot and deflection area	
		7.	Participants must understand the 'STOP' command	
		8.	Participants instructed that rifles/pistols must always face down the range	
		9.	Participants not allowed access to both rifles/pistols and pallets until ready to shoot	
		10.	When not in use rifles must be 'broken' and pistols must have the safety catch applied	
		11.	No one allowed forward of the shooting line whilst rifles/pistols and pellets are both available on the range	
		12.	Participants not allowed to use equipment until instructed	
		13.	Rifles/pistols inspected by instructor after participant finishes shooting to ensure weapon is clear and safe	
		14.	All instructors and participants to wear eye protection while in the range	
		15.	Instructor to ensure long hair is tied back during the safety briefing	
		16.	Instructors to ensure participants have correct stance and posture	
		17.	Instructor to participant ratio of 1:4 or 2:5 must always be maintained	
		18.	Activity stopped if any participant acting in an unsafe or rowdy manner	
		19.	Any participant failing to follow safety requirements will be precluded from the activity.	
		20.	Pellets must be removed from the range when leaving	
		21.	Participants must never be left alone with rifles/pistols	
Equipment Failure	Participants	1.	Only approved equipment to be used	Low
		2.	All participants must complete pre-activity equipment safety training	
		3.	All equipment to be inspected daily	
		4.	Equipment maintained and replaced as advised by manufacturer	
		5.	Any damaged equipment or suspected damaged equipment must be quarantined	
		5.	Any damaged equipment or suspected damaged equipment must be quarantined	

Participants

Unauthorised access

qualified instructors

4. Range monitored by CCTV

compliance with ADIPS scheme.

Only authorised staff have access to the range
 Equipment is removed from range when site is closed

6. Shooting range and all associated equipment is inspected daily, weekly and monthly by

1. Range door is locked at all times with pin code digital magnet locks

7. Shooting range and all associated equipment is inspected annually by 3rd party inspector in

Low

Activity – Dive & Snorkel

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Existing Control Risk	k Rating
Physical Injury – inc. slips, trips or falls	Participants	 All areas inspected daily, weekly & monthly Procedures in place, training, close monitoring, and supervision of guests Dive instructors trained to PADI rescue diver as minimum Responsible Person in Charge all on duty during operations Surface tender all present during operations Animals well fed and non-aggressive All unusual behaviours reported to curatorial team Full body neoprene wetsuit, protection, training and constant supervision Hypothermia - Full body neoprene wetsuit thermal protection, hoods, gloves as required All SDX staff trained in First Aid 	Low
Drowning	Participants		oderate
Decompression Sickness (Dive only)	Participants	Controlled shallow environment Short dive time	Low
Equipment Failure	Participants		Low
Animals - inc. bites, stings & zoonosis	Participants		Low

	 Guests will not directly interact with the animals at any time unless directed to do so by a member of the curatorial team by prior arrangement and agreement under specific circumstances (Feed Dive) 			
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)				
Rob Weatherhead (Head of Operations and Safety)	A. D. All.			