



# Flying Fox Risk Management Plan

Mountain View Holiday Retreat, Harrietville

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervising Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity Context

The flying fox at Mountain View Retreat involves participants starting from a pole mounted platform and riding small Zipline for about 40 Meters – Over a small shallow pond through reeds to ground landing on the opposite side. Once on solid ground participants are required to slide off flying fox and bring it back to start with the retrieval rope. The flying fox encourages good communication skills, facing fears, and working in a group.

This document contains the specific risks, control measures and grading for the Flying Fox activity at **Mountain View Holiday Retreat**

## Risk Management Plan

Hazard / Risk Description	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Control Effectiveness
<i><b>Flying Fox</b> – Risk factors specifically associated with the Flying Fox activity at Mountain View Holiday Retreat</i>				
<b>Falling from Height</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Briefing and demonstration</li> <li>• ensure students don't climb above platform height</li> <li>• Coach and use effective spotting techniques</li> <li>• suitable footwear to be worn</li> <li>• Teacher / parent supervisor on take off &amp; landing platforms at all times</li> <li>• Equipment rated and maintained for loads well above actual load placed upon it</li> </ul>	Rare	Major	Medium
<b>Slipping / Tripping</b> Around the activity area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladder provide access to upper level of flying fox run</li> <li>• platform and start area kept free of sticks etc</li> <li>• No running</li> <li>• Participants to wear enclosed shoes</li> <li>• Teacher / parent supervision at all times</li> </ul>	Possible	Minor	Low
<b>Impact</b> To participant on flying fox To another person below the flying fox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flying fox designed to reach landing area slowly</li> <li>• Participants briefed on safety areas, including flying fox return</li> <li>• flying fox line and return trail clearly defined</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Minor	Medium

<b>Entanglement</b> Hair Fingers Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long hair is to be tied back for the activity</li> <li>• Participants briefed on where to place hands on ropes</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Minor	low
<b>Falling Objects</b> Causing injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No loose equipment kept on platform</li> <li>• Participants briefed on safe to stand / run zones</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Minor	Low
<b>Equipment Failure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp facilitators responsible for inspection, care &amp; maintenance of activity equipment.</li> <li>• Camp facilitators to conduct inspection of flying fox prior to each group arrival</li> <li>• Participants briefed on proper use of equipment</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Rare	Major	Low
<b>Structure Failure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flying fox built by qualified rigger</li> <li>• Regular inspections of structure and anchors performed by camp facilitators</li> </ul>	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
<b>Extreme Heat / Inclement Weather</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing Check list</li> <li>• Gear check list includes water bottles</li> <li>• Leader to carry extra water</li> <li>• Leader to be Emergency Response Trained</li> <li>• Cancel activity in any wet weather event or possible lightning / Thunder</li> </ul>	Possible	High	Low

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**Risk Rating Matrix**

All identified risks are recorded in the following risk matrix according to likelihood and consequence. The purpose of this matrix is to provide a snapshot of all identified risks and establish the level of risk to determine if further treatment is required.

<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequences</b>				
	<b>1 - Low</b>	<b>2 - Minor</b>	<b>3 - Moderate</b>	<b>4 - Major</b>	<b>5 - Catastrophic</b>
<b>1 - Rare</b>	1	2 Falling from Height	3	4 Equipment failure	5 Fall from Hight Structure failure
<b>2 - Unlikely</b>	2	4 Falling object, impact	6 Entanglement	8	10
<b>3 - Possible</b>	3	6 Slipping	9	12	15
<b>4 - Likely</b>	4	8	12	16	20
<b>5 - Almost certain</b>	5	10	15	20	25

**Risk Treatment**

1-4 Low Risk	10-14 High Risk
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**1-4 Low Risk**

- Risk does not generally need to be managed any further (current controls are adequate), medium however the risk needs to be monitored for changes in circumstances and current control  Risk is unacceptable, risks must be further treated or removed to bring rating to
- Risk generally may be accepted.  Risks are to be re-assessed by Activities Manager effectiveness.

5-9 Medium Risk	15+ Extreme Risk
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**5-9 Medium Risk**

- Risk needs to be regularly monitored for any changes and control/treatment effectiveness.  Unacceptable risk, urgent attention is required to treat or remove risks
- Risk may be accepted after consideration.  Management to consider elimination of activity

Risk Assessment Conducted by: *Program Manager, Mountain View Holiday Retreat*

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