

JLW Control Of Risk On Caving Experience Activity.

This activity is operated by a responsible adult from the user group. (to be known as the person in charge)

The person in charge will be given an induction on how to safely operate the activity by a member of John's Lee Wood Staff before the session starts.

The risk assessment below & the safety of the activity are therefore the responsibility of the person in charge.

Hazards	Controls Used To Reduce Hazard	Residual Risk (see The Risk Matrix)			Description Of Monitoring Required To Maintain Or Reduce Risk Level
		Likelihood	Consequences	Risk Level	
Users unfamiliar with the activity & it's safe operation	Activity to be preceded by the person in charge familiarising themselves with the equipment & the instructions	2	2	4	Staff to ensure the induction is always given proceeding the activity
Risk of hitting head or hurting knees while crawling around the system	10 sets of helmets & knee pads supplied for protection	3	1	3	Ensure helmets & knee pads are worn by everyone entering & limit total participants to 10 at a time
Fear of dark or confined space in caving system	Lighting system available with different levels. Escape hatches available in both chambers on the narrower system	2	1	2	Guide & encourage but avoid peer pressure. Use lighting. Be prepared to use escape hatches on narrower system
Risk of participants 'queuing up' within the caving system	Only 10 participants to be in the shed or system at any one time & only send 1 in at a time	2	1	2	Staff to clarify on induction that only 10 participants allowed & to space covers out & check number in system regularly
Risk of injury due to messing about while waiting	Person in charge to keep control of group	2	2	4	Enforce good behaviour of group. Remove unruly members of group from shed

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Risk of unsafe use of facility	JLW Staff to instruct person in charge how to safely operate the activity. Person in charge to give safety talk at start. Mobile phones to be switched off or on silent & not used while in shed	1	2	2	JLW Staff to ensure induction is understood by person in charge & to point out operating instructions in shed
Failure of equipment	Approved equipment used. Equipment to be inspected before & after every use	1	2	2	Ensure correct equipment is bought & maintained. Ensure JLW Staff inspect equipment during induction

The Risk Matrix

Consequence	3	6	9
	2	4	6
	1	2	3
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	Likelihood		

Risk Level

6-9	Unacceptable - Take Immediate action
3-4	Tolerable - Look to improve
1-2	Acceptable - No further action, but ensure controls are maintained

Likelihood

Likely	3	Major Injuries	e.g.- loss of limb, paralysis, death
Fairly Likely	2	Requiring Medical Assistance	e.g.- cuts needing stitches, broken bones
Unlikely	1	Minor First Aid	e.g.- grazes, minor cuts

Consequence