

Via Ferrata Risk Assessment

What are the hazards? What can cause harm?	Who might be harmed	What are you already doing? What are you doing to control hazards and the chance of someone getting hurt?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk? By following this risk assessment, are the hazards & chances of someone being harmed adequately controlled?
		See 'Generic Activity Risk Assessment' and 'Generic Off Ground Risk Assessment'	
Heavy Rain increasing slips, trips and falls	Group	Activity to be stopped in heavy rain. Instructors Discretion.	Tolerable if controls are followed
Head Injuries from contact with the quarry wall & Falling debris	Group	UIAA Approved helmets to be worn by participants at all time. Brief the group and ensure they keep their helmets on at all times, especially at the bottom of the quarry.	Tolerable if controls are followed
Suspension by head/helmet between lanyard tails after slipping off course eg. Burma Bridge	Group	Lanyards are three separate lengths.	Tolerable if controls are followed
Falling at the start of the ascent	Group	Spotter in place until participant is clipped onto the third cable circle clip.	Trivial if controls are followed
Miss-clipping and fully un- clipping from the system	Group & Instructor	Full brief given at start, adequate training session provided. Qualified instructor to supervise the session. Colour coded system in place. Three Lanyards system in place for customers.	Tolerable if controls are followed
Structural Failure	Group	Regular structural checks to be completed by a suitable person and annual check to be completed by technical consultancy. Visual check to be complete before each use by a qualified instructor. Periodic checks on bolts to be completed monthly. There is a detailed technical risk assessment for the structure.	Tolerable if controls are followed

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