# Risk Assessment – Crate Climbing

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| **Hazard Identified & Risks from It?** | **Who is at Risk?** | **How are the risks controlled?** | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
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| Participant is dropped from height, risk of injury. | Climber | * Climber to be securely fastened to safety rope by harness. * All staff must be competent in the operation of the belaying system and how to lower the participant down safely. * Belay must be anchored to the ground to reduce the risk of person belaying leaving the ground. * Person belaying must not be distracted during belaying. |  |
| Person hit by falling crates, risk of injury. | Belayer, Helpers & Spectators | * Restricted climbing area to be marked out around the climber. * Nobody to enter the climbing area unless they are belaying or passing crates to the climber. * Everyone within the climbing area must wear a helmet. * Climber will be instructed to kick crate stack away from belayer and helpers when they fall. |  |
| Climber impact with tree, rick of injury. | Climber | * Climber to be wearing a helmet at all times. * Rope to be positioned so that climber cannot swing into the main tree trunk. |  |
| Choking by neckie / name badge, risk of injury. | Climber | * Staff must check that climber has removed their name badge and neckie before they start climbing. |  |
| Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion | Young People | * Staff to check that young people bring a full water bottle with them to the activity. * Staff to monitor young people throughout the activity and advise anyone who is overheating to rest in the shade and drink water. |  |
| Sunburn | Young People | * If weather is sunny, or forecast to be sunny, staff to check that young people are wearing sun cream. |  |
| Cold and Hypothermia | Young People | * If weather is wet or forecast to rain, staff to check that young people have brought a waterproof jacket to the activity. * Staff to check the young people are suitably clothed for the weather conditions, e.g. have jumpers / jackets with them. * Shelter to be available at the activity location, e.g. event shelter. |  |