Assault Course Risk Assessment - Green Beret 2026

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Name of activity, event, and location	**8ft Walls – Assault Course - 14th November 2026** **Hertfordshire Scout Activity Centres- Tolmers Activity Centre**	**Date of risk assessment**	**13th November 2026**	**Name of person doing this risk assessment**	**Jack Mawhinney** **Course Manager** **Reviewed by:** **Doug Stack** **ACM HCSC** **Katy Pearce** **EM HCSC**
		Date of next review	**1st November 2027**		

Hazard - what could go wrong?	Who is at risk?	Assessment of risk	Control measures in place	Remaining risk using control measures
Person falling from heights	Participants	Medium	• Maximum of three people at the top of the wall at any one time. • Ensure ground conditions alongside the wall are free from obstructions and holes to avoid twisted ankles and injuries to hands and feet. • Ground regularly checked that egress is not slippery. • At 8ft competitors feet will always be below 2 meters. • Step on back side of wall to assist with climbing down. • Step ladder at base to allow safe egress if a participants is stuck on wall. • Participants advised to climb down and not jump in the safety brief. • Ensure supervision from adults or young leaders	Low
Minor injuries from contact with tree bark, insects, or sap	All	Low/Medium	• Area checked beforehand • Remove any loose branches or bark • Don't rub against trees	Low
Splinters	All	Medium	• MDF edges smoothed out where noticeable and possible • Participants instructed not to run hands along edges • Check wall periodically for any loose wood chippings or loose screws	Low
Wall becoming loose	All	Medium	• Walls installed and checked/signed off prior to climbing • Check wall every hour to ensure wall stability • Wall secured with screws and twine to ensure stability	Low

Note: This risk assessment is intended only as a guide and is supplementary to the main Assault Course and the HCSC main Green Beret Risk Assessment.

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Element Name: Base 1 – 8ft Climbing Wall

Time	7-8am	8-9am	9-10am	10-11am	11-12am	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm
Any comments?										
Base leader sign off										
Assault course manager sign off										