

Activity	Who could be affected?	Hazard	Risk (low, medium, high)	Actions already taken to reduce risk	Further actions recommended/comments
Hammocks	Students, staff and visitors	Injury	Low-medium	Students are supervised 1-to-1 by a mentor at all times whilst using the hammocks. Should students fall from a height, then likely injuries are concussion, fractures, bruising, spinal injuries, cuts and grazes depending on the height. Fall zones are kept clear of debris, raised roots and large stones. Hammocks are to be erected to ensure a fall zone of less than 1 metre. Fall zones are surfaced with bark chip of a suitable depth for the activity. Hammocks are to be assessed for safety by the member of staff using them prior to use. Monthly safety checks will be completed by the health and safety officer.	Hammocks are to be hung in specified trees, in set locations based on the tree survey results.
		Tree condition	Medium	Trees are visually assessed for condition by the staff member supervising the student prior hanging hammocks. Any potential issues with trees are to be fed back to management and the tree is not to be used until the health and safety officer has inspected the tree. Designated trees will be routinely inspected monthly.	Hammocks are to be hung in specified trees, in set locations based on the tree survey results

		Tree selection	Medium	Hammocks are to be hung in specified trees, in set locations based on the tree survey results. These are clearly identified, and additionally identified by the play safe bark surrounding the trees permitted to be used.	Hammocks are to be hung in specified trees, in set locations based on the tree survey results
		Fall Zone	Medium-High	The fall zones around the trees will influence their selection. Where possible, raised tree roots, excess debris, large stones and rocks will be cleared from the fall zone. Bark chip is laid in the fall zones.	
		Proximity to water	Medium	Hammocks are not to be erected within 3m of the river bank. There is a safety ring and rope at river camp to be used in case of emergency relating to a student, member of staff or visitor falling in the river.	
		Excessive rocking	Medium	The hammocks are to be used for sensory regulation processes only. Excessive rocking is not permitted and will be considered improper use of the equipment. Staff are to manage the situation to ensure the equipment is used as intended.	
Sensory Pods	Staff, students, visitors	Injury	Low-medium	Students are supervised 1-to-1 by a mentor at all times whilst using the sensory pods. Should students fall from a height, then likely injuries are concussion, fractures, bruising, spinal injuries, cuts and grazes depending on the height. Fall zones are kept	Sensory pods are to be hung in specified trees, in set locations based on the tree survey results. Students and staff are not permitted to swing in the sensory pods.

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			cleared from the fall zone. Bark chip is laid in the fall zones.	
	Excessive rocking	Medium	The sensory pods are to be used for sensory regulation processes only. Excessive swinging is not permitted and will be considered improper use of the equipment. Staff are to manage the situation to ensure the equipment is used as intended.	

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