



Earleywood Scout camp site
RISK ASSESSMENT
Activity - Crate Stacking



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Crate stacking is an activity for all ages.

It consists of building a stack of crates underneath yourself by alternately placing a newly passed crate on top of an existing crate and then transferring your weight to that stack. As this sequence continues, you get higher and higher until either gravity wins or you run out of fresh crates.

All instructors are to be first Aid Trained and are required to have a first Aid Kit to hand.

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	RISK	CONTROL METHODS
Cuts	Climber Crate passer	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crates are to be inspected by activity leader at the beginning of the session. Each crate has its own unique identification code in order to monitor any concerns or issues with the apparatus. All inspections are to be recorded in this activities log book
Slipping / Tripping	All	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area is to be inspected by activity leader at the beginning of the session. Any loose debris and obstructions removed to a safe distance. Advise caution when ground conditions are wet or icy.
Impact with ground	Climber	Medium - High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure climber has a well-fitting harness. All instructors are competent and hold either a climbing or cave exploration permit as per scout association POR rule 9.80.

Unauthorised Access		Medium - high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ropes, Harnesses and Crates to be stored securely when not in use. Immediate area to be roped off to keep onlookers safe. Everybody within the roped off area is to wear a helmet. Importance of roped off area and helmets, to be included in part of safety briefing at the beginning of each session.
<p>Impact falling objects</p> <p>Equipment Failure</p> <p>Deadwood / damaged foliage</p> <p>Falling Climber</p> <p>By Crate</p>	<p>Everybody</p> <p>All users of equipment</p> <p>Everybody</p> <p>Crate passer / belayer</p> <p>Climber/ Crate passer/ belayer Onlookers</p>	<p>Medium –high</p> <p>Low – Medium</p> <p>Medium – High</p> <p>Medium - high</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants waiting their turn, are to wait outside the roped off area. All equipment including ropes and slings are to be inspected at the beginning of each session by the activity leader and recorded in the activity log book. A visual inspection must be made of all the surrounding trees foliage. Any concerns must be recorded in the activity log book and the issues brought to the attention of a member of the Earleywood management as soon as is possible. Climber to ask for a crate when comfortable on the stack. Crate passer to return to a safe zone. On reaching the top of the stack the climber is to control the stack fall. The climber is not to be lowered until the crates ARE CLEARED BELOW. Crates are to be passed and not thrown. The use of a passing pole is permitted.