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| Activity Area: | Wobble Pole |
| Minimum Staffing Level | 1 Instructor per group |
| Staff/Pupil Ratio | 1:15 (1:1 when climbing) |
| Staff Qualifications | In-house Training MIA assessed |
| Maximum Number of Participants | 15 |
| Role of Accompanying Adult: | Supervision of group |

| Risk Matrix | Likelihood | | | |
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| Consequences | Very Likely | Likely | Unlikely | Highly Unlikely |
| Fatality | High -16- | High -15- | High -14- | Medium -13- |
| Major Injuries | High -12- | High -11- | Medium -10- | Medium -9- |
| Minor Injuries | High -8- | Medium -7- | Medium -6- | Low -5- |
| Negligible Injuries | Medium -4- | Medium -3- | Low -2- | Low -1- |

| Hazard | Persons at risk | Prior Risk | Existing Controls | New Risk Factor |
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| Fall from height | Instructors Participants, | High 16 | Participants clipped to safety line at start of climb. Correctly fitted helmets and harnesses worn by all participants and staff. Participant descent controlled by trained instructor via safety rope. Tower secured against unsupervised access. | Medium 13 |
| Equipment failure | Instructors Participants | High 16 | All equipment checked by instructors prior to use. Daily and weekly equipment checks carried out. | Medium 13 |
| Objects falling from structure | Instructors Participants | High 16 | Correctly fitted helmets must be worn within designated area. Base of tower and immediate area out of bounds to casual spectators. | Medium 13 |
| Contact with pole during ascent or descent | Participants | High 8 | Correctly fitted helmets and harness worn while climbing. Correct technique described by trained instructors to push away from the pole on the way down. Suitable clothing should be worn (including footwear) Long hair and loose clothing or items of jewellery safely tucked away. | Medium 6 |
| Trapping of fingers in belay equipment | Instructors | High 8 | Instructors trained in correct use of belay equipment. Belay equipment checked for defects prior to use. | Medium 10 |
| Trip hazards (ground anchors) | Instructors Participants | High 8 | Ground anchors clearly marked. | Medium 6 |
| Harnesses and helmet incorrectly fitted | Participants, Instructors Observers | High 16 | Instructor to brief all participants on the correct fitting of harnesses and helmets prior to commencing the activity. Instructor to check each individual's harness and helmet immediately before they ascend the Pole | Medium 13 |
| Structural failure | Instructors Participants Observers | High 16 | Hand holds checked weekly. Climbing structures subject to inspection by an independent engineer. | Medium 13 |
| Weather | All | Medium 4 | Instructor to monitor weather & suspend or cancel session when conditions cause safety to be affected. Instructor to check that all participants have suitable clothing prior to commencing the activity. Instructors must always wear appropriate clothing to run the activity safely. Appropriate clothing, time out of sun, fluid breaks. | Low 1 |
| Unauthorised Access | All | High 16 | Group Leader briefing, signage & controlled access. Area locked and secure when not in use. | Medium 13 |
| Hair, jewellery, or clothing trapped in equipment | Participants, Instructors, | High 12 | Before climbing participants are asked to remove jewellery (especially rings), tuck away hair, loose clothing and draw cords etc. | Medium 10 |

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| Inversion/fall | Participants, Instructors, | High 16 | Instructors will provide clear instruction to avoid inversion or falls Activity. Instructors to ensure correct use and fitting of equipment. Instructors to use an improvised chest harness where needed (i.e., oversized, or undersized participants). | Medium 13 |
| Seating area. | Instructors Participants Observers | High 8 | Seating area checked before and after use for any damage. Care must be taken to spot any wasp nests in the summer period. | Medium 6 |

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