



SAREA TOP ROPE GUIDE GROUP MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Candidate's name:..... Location:.....

Assessor/s name/s:

Date: / / Time started: Time finished: (Time allowed: 4hrs)

Please note:

- Your risk assessment, emergency response and session plan must be shown on the day of assessment.
- All equipment for this assessment must be provided by the candidate, unless otherwise arranged. This may include, but is not limited to, a static rope, a climbing rope, prusiks, carabiners, slings, helmets and harnesses for yourself and participants.
- Your assessment may be immediately concluded if you fail to maintain the personal safety of yourself or any person under your direct supervision.
- If this is your final assessment, you must not conduct yourself as a qualified SAREA Guide until your assessments, logbook and first aid certificate have been sighted and approved by the SAREA Assessors & Advisers Panel, and you have been subsequently notified by the Coordinating Assessor.



I have read and understood the above information: (Candidate's Signature)

Assessment Outline:

1. Meet candidate at pre-arranged location, e.g. the top gate at Morialta and complete pre-assessment checks, e.g. first aid kit and medical information.
2. Candidate takes group to a location away from the cliff edge for safety talk and equipment briefing.
3. Candidate moves group to the cliff environment to set up top rope and bottom belay (cannot be done prior to the arrival of the group). Personal safety at edge and descent is also covered and a suitable descent route and method is used to access the base of the cliff.
4. At the base of the cliff candidate demonstrates/instructs top rope skills, including belaying, climbing calls and climbing techniques.
5. After all participants have belayed each other and had at least one climb, candidate moves the group to the top of cliff to set-up for the abseil:
 - Must use an 'effective' chest harness on at least one participant that provides upper body support that would prevent the participant from inverting.
 - Must use a separate safety rope.
 - Instruct participants to abseil safely.
6. Overall group management will be assessed throughout the day.
7. End of assessment. Show candidate this assessment sheet and discuss all items. A pass or fail cannot be advised at this time as is determined by the SAREA AA Panel and Board, not the assessor. You will be notified by the Coordinating Assessor of your result.



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1. Pre-assessment Checks

DEMO TALK

- 1.1. Risk Management and Emergency Response Plan.....
- 1.2. Session Plan
- 1.3 Readily accessible group first aid kit and mobile phone.....
- 1.4 Appropriate climbing equipment, with known history

Comments:
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2. Group Safety and Equipment Briefing

- 2.1. Check of medical and emergency contact information.....
- 2.2. Check participants personal protective equipment, food and drink
- 2.3. Outline of session plan provided, including aims and objectives.....
- 2.4. Brief outline of hazards, and management procedures.....
- 2.5. Emergency response information
- 2.5.1. Location of first aid.....
- 2.5.2. Communication system.....
- 2.5.3. Meeting point
- 2.6. Discussion about cliff edge safety
- 2.7. Discussion about loose rocks and other falling objects
- 2.8. Checks harnesses and helmets are correctly fitted and secured
- 2.9. Walking on ropes
- 2.10. Dropped equipment.....
- 2.11. Toilet and minimal impact procedures

Comments:
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3. Top Rope Set-Up (top of cliff) Climb name/s:

- 3.1. Suitable for the needs of the group
- 3.2. Personal safety at cliff edge whilst setting up climb/s
- 3.3. Checks all knots, including tape knots
- 3.4. Checks carabiners are correctly closed
- 3.5. Checks for sharp edges in contact with rope/s
- 3.6. Anchors equalized, appropriate angles and no extension.....

Comments:
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4. Climbing and Belaying

DEMO TALK

- 4.1. Suitability of descent route
- 4.2. Setting up safe bottom belay anchor points
- 4.3. Checks harness and helmet are correctly fitted & secured before climbing
- 4.4. Instruction of knots
- 4.5. Instruction and demonstration of belaying:
 - 4.5.1. Belayer clipped to ground anchor
 - 4.5.2. Instruction of and use of belay device
 - 4.5.3. Use and effectiveness of a back-up belayer
 - 4.5.4. Supervision of belayers while other participant climbs
- 4.6. Clear unambiguous climbing calls and methods of communication
- 4.7. Checks knots are correctly tied before climbing
- 4.8. Climbing techniques discussed e.g. laybacks, corners.

Comments:

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5. Abseil Guiding

- Abseil location/s:
- 5.1. Suitable for the needs of the group
- 5.2. A load releasable abseil & safety line set up appropriately and in a timely manner
- 5.3. Redundant anchor points for abseil and safety ropes
- 5.4. Edge safety:
 - 5.3.1. Guide whilst setting up and also while guiding
 - 5.3.2. Participants near and at cliff edge
- 5.4. Stopper knot tied in end of rope/s
- 5.5. Checks harness & helmet are correctly fitted and secured before abseiling.
- 5.6. Attachment of safety rope to participant
- 5.7. Effective upper body support provided by chest harness
- 5.8. Checks carabiners are correctly closed
- 5.9. Avoidance of hazards (loose clothing etc)

Comments:

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6. Overall Program & Management of Group		DEMO	TALK
6.1.	Suitable for the needs of the group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.2.	Respect for the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.3.	Respect for other resource users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.4.	Group behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.5.	Constant reinforcement of cliff edge safety throughout the day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.6.	Students and guide wearing helmets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.7.	Storage of gear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.8.	Correct use of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.9.	Weather monitored.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.10.	Recognize and resolve conflict situations.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.11.	Positive instruction and empathy.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.12.	Professional conduct.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.13.	Seeks client feedback	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

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Assessor/s comments on assessment:

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I hereby state that this is a true and fair assessment:

Assessor/s Signature/s: Candidate's Signature: