

Procedure for Participant use of Flying Fox



Please make sure before following the guidelines on this sheet, that you have received training from the manager or representative and have signed off **Appendix 1 MBCC Flying Fox Training and Safety Sign off Sheet.**

Under no circumstances should this sheet be used if training has not been verified by trained MBCC staff.

Once your training is complete, you will be given a pack including this document, Appendix 5 – RAMs & Emergency Management Form Appendix 15.

There is to be a minimum of 4 competent persons to run the flying fox activity.

1st Person in charge of Harnesses. (Harness)

This role is to ensure the correct fastening of the harness to the participant and also to assist with crowd control and ensuring correct ascention of the tower. Incharge of crowd control in the event of a rescue taking place. Users must be moved away from flying fox area and kept away. Also ensure all loose fitting clothing is tucked in and long hair tied back.

2nd Person in charge Assending Tower. (Tower Controller)

This role is to ensure the particants climbs the tower correctly to level 2 of the tower. This Person will also manage the trap door opening/ closing to allow for a safe platform at level 2 of the tower. They will also never leave level 1 of the tower for any reason. To be involved with resuce procedure

3rd Person in charge of Launch Platform. (Launcher)

This role has the most responsibility. The responsibilities include ensuring the correct use of the tower, attaching pulleys and straps to the participant and to the wire rope and ensuring a safe descent. Will be wearing a lap harness to ensure safe use of the launch plaform. Radio given to this person for in the event of an accident they can contact MBCC Staff for quick action and response. Authority also given to halt activity if activity demmed unsafe e.g. weather, behaviour, etc. Also to be involved with the rescue procedure

4th and 5th Persons in charge of the Dismount Ladder. (Disconnecter)(Support)

This person has the responsibility of getting the participant safely un-attached from the flying fox and down the ladder. Will also be wearing a lap harness to ensure lifeline connected to the main wire for safe release of participant from the main wire. And the other person will assist by holding the ladder steady for a safe descent. Also involved with rescue procedure.

There are cue cards on a lanyard to remind you about key instructions for your role.

After 2 hours of the activity running persons 2 and 3 will switch position to reduce fatigue on hiree running the activities. This switch will only happen if MBCC Staff deem appropriate.

Overview of the activity.

A Safety briefing will begin at the commencement of the activity.

1. Participants are to wait at the base of the tower, to get their harness on and off by the **person in charge of harnesses** and also to wait for permission to go up the tower for their turn. Ensure buckels are closed "C" for closed.



2. Once permission is given to the participants they will then carry the pulley supplied, up the tower (pulley is best carried by slinging it over the participants sholuder).
3. The participant will then climb up the stairs to the first level and wait to be called to the top platform (platform 3).
4. When the **person on the Launch Platform** requests the person on level 1 to come up they will climb the first ladder up to the second platform, where then the person on level 1 will close off the sliding door. To ensure NO possibilities of extra people climbing the tower, also avoid any chances of participatant falling back down the ladder. Once parctipant is on platform 2 they will then climb the final ladder where they will be attached to a life line.
5. The **person on the Launch Platform** will then attach the pulley strap to the harness first and then place pulley on to the wire. They will then recheck that harness is on correctly along with pulley and strap. Ensure buckels are closed "C" for closed.

6. Once the person in charge of the tower is satisfied that the participant is correctly and safely set up they will then communicate with the **person in charge of the dismount ladder** and will ask if it is all clear to proceed.
7. When the 'ALL' clear is given and the **person on the Launch Platform** has checked and confirmed with themselves that it is all clear, they will then un-attach the lifeline so that the participant is free to go down the flying fox. At this stage the participant may need some gentle encouragement.
8. After the participant has come to a complete stand still the **person in charge of the dismount ladder** will bring the ladder out into the middle of the dismount slab and place it directly under the wire. The person in charge of the ladder then will attach themselves via a lifeline to keep themselves safe whilst disconnecting the participant
9. The **person in charge of the ladder** must then guide the participant to the ladder. Once the participant has climbed up the ladder they will then be unhooked from there pulley and are able to go back down the ladder. Once the participant is down the ladder they must make their way back to the tower.
10. The **person in charge of harnesses** will then assist in taking of the pulley and harness and assist the next person to get ready.

Gear used for the Flying Fox

Harnesses

These are sitting harnesses and are not to be used for going upside down.

There are 2 sizes of harnesses' available, if one is too tight exchange for a larger one.

Pulley/Strap/Carabiner.

The pulley/strap/carabiner is attached to the wire rope and the harness by the Person in Charge of the Tower.

Full Body Harness

To be used by MBCC staff during the training of the flying fox also during the event of a rescue.

Lifeline

To be used when person in charge of the dismount ladder is disconnecting the user from the main wire.

Dismount Ladder

Used for getting the participant down from the wire rope by the person in charge of ladder dismount.

Vests

With below cue cards attached.

First Aid Kit

Located at the base of the Flying Fox tower.

CUE Cards

Harness

- Blue Harness for Children
- Red Harness for Teen-Adult
- Ensure buckle is locked Off
 - 'C' for Closed
- Helmet fitted (tightening on the back)
- Ensure Lanyard is Attached Correctly

Tower Controller

- Double Check Harness ('C')
- Ensure Trap Door is Shut
- Open Trap Door for Climber
- Help Assist Tower Accession
- Ensure Lanyard is Attached Correctly

Launcher

- Ensure Chain is Pulled Across Platform
- Correctly Attach Lifeline to Participant
 - Double Check Harness ('C')
- Check Path is Clear with Ladder Man

Disconnecter/Support

- Bring out ladder when Participant Stops
 - Ladder to be used only on Concrete
 - Bring Participant to Ladder
- Get them to Climb up one side and you the other
 - Disconnect Participant and put Lanyard over Shoulder