

Watchtree Nature Reserve

Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NL

Location: Watchtree Wheelers

Title : Veloplus	Date of Assessment : 30/07/2018	Risk Assessor : Matthew Wind
Risk Assessment Reference : RA 58	People involved in making this assessment : Matthew Wind	
Task/ Process : Safe use of Veloplus	People at Risk : Employees, Members of the Public, Residents, Volunteers, Service Users, Children & Young Persons, Visitors	

Hazard : Manual handling Large heavy equipment could cause muscle or skeletal damage if handled incorrectly.
Control Measures:
1. Only roll the Veloplus into and out of the cycle storage unit in accordance with it's turning circle.
2. move other smaller bikes out of way to create space to walk around all areas of the equipment
3. do not attempt to lift Veloplus over any obstacle due to it's weight, instead move obstacle or go round it
4. minimum of 2 people needed to load and unload service user onto loading platform
5. training given to any regular users of the Veloplus, so they can operate in case no trained Watchtree staff on hand.

Hazard : Mechanical Potential for getting fingers caught in moving parts - disc brakes, spokes and chain. Potential for toes/fingers to be squashed by loading platform
Control Measures:
1. regular servicing of Veloplus ensures all cables and catches are working as designed
2. minimum of 2 people needed to load and unload service user onto loading platform
3. training given to any regular users of the Veloplus, so they can operate in case no trained Watchtree staff on hand.

Hazard : Repetitive Movements Muscle and soft tissue damage due to overuse of same muscle groups in prolonged activity
Control Measures:
1. start with small lap of training area to establish correct position on cycle, and general fitness of rider
2. Watchtree staff to recommend a suitable ride route for the rider and service user

Hazard : Public or Visitor Access Public / visitors getting hit by large platform with wide turning circle
Control Measures:
1. Cycle trails separated from car park and footpaths by partitions
2. Veloplus stored in garage when not in use

Hazard : Road risk Potential to hit other road users with wide vehicle base

Control Measures:

1. Roads separated from cycle trails by fencing and visitor centre

Hazard : Uneven, Wet or Slippery Floors Unpredictable handling when surfaces wet

Control Measures:

1. Advise slower speeds to rider/user in adverse weather

Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment:	
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Review Date : 15/07/2021	Reviewer : Matthew Wind
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