



Climbing Wall – Risk Assessment

The document shows the risk assessment ratings for each identified hazard. The score for the likelihood of its happening is multiplied by the score of the severity of the injury.

(For example, likelihood 2 multiplied by Severity 5 = 10 medium).

This Risk assessment identifies the risk control methods that have been put into place to reduce either the Severity or Likelihood of an accident.

Hazard	Who	Existing Risk Value	Action to prevent	New Risk Value
Slips, Trips & Falls (Ground height)	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Be made aware of any steps or objects on the ground. Shoe laces to be tied up. Appropriate Footwear to be worn inside compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. No running in the compound.	2*3=6 Low
Slips, Trips & Falls	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators	5*5=25 High	Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Be made aware of any steps. Shoe laces to be tied up. Appropriate Footwear to be worn inside compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. No running in the compound. Participants leave the ground attached to safety devices/Top rope systems. Under supervision of qualified/trained personnel only. Dynamic rope to be used. Back up knots on belay systems where appropriate	2*5=10 Med
Failure of equipment	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	Equipment is tested and inspected at manufacturing and Purchase. A 6-monthly inspection by qualified inspectors/staff A bi-weekly inspection is done by qualified/trained staff. Pre-use inspection done by instructor. Check your connection signage	1*5=5 Low
Failure of structure	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators	5*5=25 High	Structural annual inspection by external/qualified assessors 3 Monthly inspection on structure by qualified/trained staff Bi-Weekly visual inspection from ground level by qualified/trained staff. Before/During use inspection done by instructor. 6ft Fenced area for compound.	1*5=5 Low
Entanglement	Participants	5*5=25 High	Ensure all Long hair is tied up/back as appropriate. Non-loose clothing to be worn. Helmets to be worn always inside the compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. Full training for instructors in case of helmet/harness snagging on holds	2*5=10 Med
Falling objects	Participants	5*5=25	Helmets to be worn always inside the compound.	3*4=12

	Instructors Leaders Spectators	High	Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. 6ft Fenced area for compound. 1.5m gap between routes to stop participants climbing underneath other climbers	Med
Behavioural Problems	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. Yellow/red card system. Ratio's 12:1 maximum. Group leader must be present to control group behaviour. Site behavioural policy.	2*5=10 Med
Wildlife	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	No food permitted in the compound. Compound checked before/during use. Allergies (controlled by group leader) Pest control where appropriate.	1*5=5 Low
Weather	Participants Leaders Instructors	5*5=25 High	Activity not to be used in lightning weather. Activity not to be used in wind factor 5 or above. No running in the compound. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. Appropriate lighting when required. Instructors aware of/trained to deal with inclement weather	1*5=5 Low
Environment	Participants Leaders Instructors	5*5=25 High	Being aware of surroundings. Floor covering to be made safe by clearing the activity and removing objects that may cause any hazards. Arborist report on nearby trees	1*5=5 Low
Covid-19 Instructor Contact (Positive)	Participants Leaders Instructors	5x5=25 High	1m distance when instructing Where not possible, face masks to be worn	2*5 = 10 Med
Covid-19 General Contact/Arrival			Removed	

This risk assessment is written in accordance with the operating process and procedures.

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Risk Assessment CPD

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Harm
0 = Never	0 = No Harm
1 = Unlikely	1 = Bumps & Bruises
2 = Possible	2 = Small Cuts & Lacerations
3 = A chance	3 = Broken/Fracture of Bones
4 = Likely	4 = Loss of limb
5 = Certain	5 = Fatality

		Severity				
		*	1	2	3	4
Likelihood	1	1	2	3	4	5
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	5	5	10	15	20	25

Levels of Acceptance	
1-6 Low	= Acceptable
7-10 Medium	= Monitor
11-12 medium	= Re-evaluate
13-25 High	= Not acceptable