

Humberside Scouts - Raywell Park

Risk Assessment



Location:	Site General - Activities	Activity / Task:	Use of Climbing Wall
Date of Assessment:	05-Jun-21	Last Review:	Janaury 2024
		Reference:	RA/Act/04/1

HAZARD	RISK	TO WHOM	CONTROL MEASURES	DYNAMIC MEASURES
Ability of Group & Conduct.	Disruption/distraction of staff & climbers.	All	<p>Appropriate instructor to group ratio.</p> <p>Adult from the group to supervise those not taking part.</p> <p>Safety briefing prior to activity, To include disclosure of any language / physical/ personality issues</p> <p>Agree expectations & conduct prior to activity.</p> <p>No one to enter climbing enclosure until request by session lead</p> <p>The leader in charge of the group is responsible for their behaviour.</p> <p>If there is a need for the climb leader to intervene on safety grounds then suspending the activity should be considered</p>	
Participant unwilling to come down	Participant fatigue leading to falls / injury Instructor injury attempting rescue	Participant Instructors	<p>Climbers not to be pressurised into climbing higher than they wish</p> <p>Provide sympathetic support to reassure climber.</p>	
Weather conditions,	Struck by lightning Instability Communication issues Hypo / hyperthermia Sunburn / Sunstroke /Dehydration	All	<p>Check weather forecast before planned event and monitor changes during event.</p> <p>Climbing to be suspended during thunder or lightening or highwinds</p> <p>Instructors and group leaders to ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing for the conditions and sunprotection</p> <p>Instructors must stay hydrated and take breaks or rotate roles to stay alert</p>	
Working at height. Staff and site	Falls Falling objects Injury	Instructors	<p>Area around the wall to be checked for debris prior to activity starting</p> <p>Climbing the ladder to be minimised as wall can be set up from ground</p> <p>One person on the ladder at any time.</p> <p>Ladder board to be put back in position once top ropes have been set up</p> <p>Staff to be part of the safety rope system when running an abseil</p> <p>Abseil sessions should be run by two staff--</p> <p>one on the tower/one on the ground.</p> <p>Helmets to be worn at all times</p>	

Falling objects/Loose holds	Injury	All	Helmets to be worn by everyone inside the climbing wall enclosure. Helmets to be checked prior to use and conform to CE/UIAA Holds to be checked at regular intervals. Participants shoes to be secure/laces tied, and pockets emptied.	
Failure of equipment	Falls Injury	All	Equipment to be checked by instructors before and after use. If signs of damage or significant wear equipment should set aside for inspection Checking equipment included in training A written record to be made of all checks. Only equipment supplied by Raywell to be on the climbing wall (with the exception of personal harness, helmet and belay device if agreed with instructor) All climbing to be carried out on dynamic ropes Annual inspection to be carried out and recorded Equipment replacement programme in place - regular monitoring by instructors	
Structure Failure	Falls Injury	All	Staff to visually inspect the wall, and ground area. prior to use. All eye bolts to be checked annually by qualified inspector All eye bolts to be checked by climbing lead when in use In the event of a failure stop activity and remove the group to a safe area	
Instructor competency	Injury	All	Instructor must hold appropriate scout AA permit for climbing Instructor must operate within POR Instructors who are not scout members must hold appropriate NGB qualification	
Entrapment in equipment	Injury to fingers Hair trapped Burns	All	Safety briefing to include hair being tied back. Any loose clothing or cords to be removed or secured. Climbers to avoid the top screwgate placements. Neckers to be removed All watches / jewellery to be removed, and rings either removed or taped	

The hazards and risks identified are not exhaustive and instructors should carry out their own dynamic risk assessments prior to and during climbing sessions