

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Climbing, Alfrey Activity Centre Warwickshire	Date of risk assessment	06/10/21	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Paul Skipper
		Date of next review	June 2022		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.
Over Crowding	Everyone	Limited to 12 participants per session at any one time.	
Operator Competence		Instructors (site of other) must hold either of the qualifications Rope Leader / Supervisor, SPA/CWA, MIA, GGUK level 1 & Scout Assosiation qualification.	Duty Warden to ensure Qualified Instructor available.
Equipment Failure	Everyone	Equipment checked at begining and end of every sesion and rope usage logged on the Rope log document in the climbing wall. If imperfections detected Item removed and replaced. Annual Inspections on all equipment.	Record of Inspections
Failure of holds	Everyone	Holds checked on a regular basis and sujet to annual inspection.	
Failure or Lack of Lighting	Visual Inspection prior to use, Safety rope in use at all times, Load Tested	Activity cancelled, do not run in dark. Risk Removed.	
Incorrectly Fitted Harness & Helmet.	Participants	All equipment fitted by a competent person and checked by a qualified instructor.	Inspection by site staff prior to use, Report issues to Manager
Person / Material Falling / Struck by Object	Leaders/Participants	Helmets must worn at all times within the Climbing area.	

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Anchor Failure	Everyone	Visual Inspection prior to use, Safety rope in use at all times, Load Tested	
Belayer being pulled off ground	Instructor / Participant	Ensure participant is not heavier than instructor, if so then use a suitable ground anchor as well has harness.	Instructor to monitor.
Descent from Climb - Contact with wall during descent	Participants	Correct technique described by instructor. Long hair and scarves tied back or removed.	
Slips trips and falls	Everyone	Site Knowledge, designated path to facility.	

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