

Hautbois Risk Assessment

Activity: Climbing	Assessor: Abbie Stewardson	Date: January 2019	Tech Advisor: Chris Pretty
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Description: Climbing takes place on our purpose-built Tower on site. The Climbing Wall has a sloped wall leading to a vertical wall with two routes and a vertical wall with two routes. The ratio for this activity is 1:12

SR= Severity Rating; 5 (Catastrophic) 4 (Major) 3 (Moderate) 2 (Minor) 1 (None)

LH=Likelihood Rating 5 (Almost certain) 4 (Likely) 3 (Possible) 2 (Unlikely) 1 (Insignificant)

RR= Risk Rating; H (High) M (Medium) L (Low) I (Insignificant)

Significant Hazard	Who Might be Harmed and How	Existing Controls	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Falling off the wall	Participants - not tied in/clipped in, incorrectly tied in/clipped in. Poor supervision during sessions. Equipment left unattended during activity breaks.	Instructors qualified to Girlguiding Level 1, current CWLA Award or above, SPA Training/ Assessed or above. Competency completed and signed off. Instructors to follow Safe Operating Procedure. 'Quad lock' karabiners used to clip in for climber- participants not shown how they work to prevent self-clip in. Briefing by instructor prior to every climb for checklist before each ascent.	5	1	L
Falling when on a rope	Participants - Poor belaying techniques	Belayers monitored by qualified Instructor. Participants taught good belay technique and briefed and beginning of session. Safe Operating procedures followed. Gri- gri and ground anchors used at all times. Climbing using a 'buddy' or 'bug' is not permitted by any participant, regardless of experience	3	1	L
Being hit by falling objects	Participants - equipment being dropped from Tower. Potential head injury	Tower area is a hard hat area, clearly signed and enforced. Participants briefed to stay clear of wall if not climbing/belaying, beyond shingle area marked.	2	2	L
Entrapment- hair	Participants- Hair or clothing becoming tangled in belay device or rope.	All participants briefed to tie long hair back. Instructors to carry spare hairbands and buffs to provide to participants if needed.	2	2	L

This Risk Assessment should work in conjunction with the generic risk assessment (RA-GEN19) and relevant activity's Safe Operating Procedure (SOP-).

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Equipment failure	Participants and Instructors - unchecked equipment potential failure, serious skeletal injuries.	Weekly/monthly/professional inspections recorded. All Climbing equipment to be correctly stored and checked on a session and periodical basis. Full PPE checks completed 6 monthly by trained and competent person. Records kept. Potential failed items to be quarantined and evaluated by senior instructor or activities manager.	3	2	M
Incorrectly fitted equipment	Participants - equipment not performing correctly or ill fitted causing abrasions, friction burns, and potential asphyxia from helmet straps.	Safe Operating procedures adhered to. All equipment fitted, checked by a qualified Instructor. Participants briefed on suitable attire for activity.	2	2	L
Slipping off the Wall	Participants - wet climbing wall, three points of contact, potential skeletal injuries.	Clients taught good technique (three points of contact), belayed at all times. Weather conditions evaluated and assessed by senior staff member.	2	2	L
Pulled of ground when belaying	Participants - belayer connected direct to belay device and not paired correctly with climbers' body weight. Minor personal injuries.	Client/Instructor attached to ground ballast.	2	2	L