



Hazard	Risk Element	Risk Severity	Possible Risks	Action recommended	Review / Comments
Falling	Medium	High	Climber loses grip or footing on holds	Climber to be wearing a correctly fitted Harness and Helmet provided by the site and detailed on the Active equipment log. To be belayed by a Scout Permit or Guide Level1 holder (min qualification) or suitable individual under their instruction depending upon permit	
Impact on Falling	Medium	Medium	Climber impacts with the Wall, Hold, Structure or fellow climber following a Fall	Belayed on Dynamic climbing rope allows the fall to be arrested and a dampened fall should be expected. If impact is made then assess the climbers welfare and first aid requirement if any. Continue or lower to the ground and treat accordingly.	
Bruising	Low	Low	Bruising following Impact	First Aid guidance should be given and Leader in charge made aware of the impact.	
Failure of Equipment	Low	High	Breaking or failure of Harness, rope or equipment	Administer appropriate first aid. All equipment involved within the setup should be quarantined for inspection following the incident and must be reported to Stuart or site warden immediately.	All equipment used is provided by Hallowtree and is inspected regularly and kept on a log in accordance with manufacturers guidelines.

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Falling objects or loose holds	Low	Medium	Dropping of personal effect i.e. Shoe or climbing hold	All climbers and belayers to wear appropriate helmets. Ensure that climber is safe before attending to any injury sustained by belayer, other climber or spectator. Instructor to ensure that shoes are correctly fitted and pockets are empty before climber starts.	Holds are regularly inspected for their fixing and integrity.
Horseplay	Low	Low	Inappropriate behaviour of waiting members of the group.	The group's leader in charge is responsible for the general behaviour of the group and this should be outlined in the activity briefing. If Instructor needs to intervene then ensure the safety of any climber before doing so.	If Instructor intervention is required then it is suggested that the activity is suspended.
	Medium	Medium	Inappropriate behaviour of Climber i.e. Climbing structure and not the wall.	Firm instruction and guidance must be given to ensure that the climber does not introduce additional risks by climbing off the wall.	Suggested Activity suspension for all if climber does not comply. Involve group leader and piers if required.
Fear of Heights	Low	Low	Climber panics or freezes	Climbers should not be pressurised in climbing higher than they wish and allowed to finish when they want to. Instructor to provide sympathetic instruction and guidance to reassure the climber.	Physical rescue should only be attempted if Instructor is suitably trained and qualified to do so.
Cuts/Grazes	Low	Low	Minor cuts or Grazes from holds	Treat accordingly after climber descends.	
Broken Finger Nails	Low	Low	Broken or Inverted Finger nails	Advise climbers with longer nails of this risk prior to climbing. Treat accordingly after climber descends.	
Structure Failure	Low	Severe	Failure of the Tower, Telegraph pole, Cable or Guys	Activity must be shut down immediately. Appropriate first aid administered. Then reported immediately to the site warden or activity owner	



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Hypo/Hyperthermia and Exposure	Low	Medium	Instructors and participants become subject to extremes of heat, cold or exposure	Instructors and group leaders to ensure that all participants are wearing suitable clothing for the conditions and adapt to any change in them. Instructors must stay suitably hydrated and take breaks or rotate roles to stay alert.	
Weather Conditions	Medium	Medium	Slippery surfaces due to Rain, Snow or Frost	Advise that stairs and platform may be wet, slippery and cold to touch.	Consideration to the current and forecast weather conditions should be made before and during the activity.
	Low	High	Outbreak of Thunderstorm or Lightning	Remove all participants from the structure and enclosure immediately.	
	Medium	Medium	Windy conditions	Instructors should give additional instruction to offset the impact of the wind. Consideration to abort Climbing should be made in windier conditions.	

**Review History**

Review Date	Completed by	Recommendation
7/1/2012	Stuart Whitmore	
9-8-2013	Stuart Whitmore	Major adjustment to risks and actions. Introduction of the risk severity column