

INDOOR CLIMBING WALL SPECIFIC RISKS

In Conjunction with the General Overall Risks for Activities



Qualified Instructor Run Activity

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Risk	Outcome if risk occurred	Existing Risk Control Actions		sessmo cousedness		Group Leader Required Risk Control Actions
People Dangers						
Lack of Supervision and Unqualified Instruction	Injury	Must be run by a qualified indoor rock climbing instructor with a WWVP card Best Group size: 12-15 participants per group	1	3	L	Provide one adult – one responsible for supervising the group, this is not the instructors job. They also need to assist with harnesses and rotations.
Behavioural Issues • Don't follow the instructions • Horsing around	Injury Disappearance	Participants instructed in safe procedures, rules and expectations	2	3	L	Supervisor to ensure participants cooperate with the instructor, follow instructions and makes sure participants are sitting on the seats waiting their turn. Regular head count.
Walking through the Restricted area (beyond safety line, and area directly below rockwall)	Injury	Put up safety rope to cordon off area of risk Instruct participants on boundaries and expectations No one allowed on the mats unless climbing.	3	3	M	Supervisor ensures no one walks into the cordoned area. Ensures participants don't walk unto the blue mats unless invited.
Accessing the wall when not attended by staff	Injury	Mats are stored against the wall when not in use so climbing holds cannot be accessed. Window on mezzanine floor prevents access. Back of wall is enclosed.	2	3	M	Wall out of bounds
Equipment Dangers						
Broken/Damaged Equipment	Injury	Regular checking and maintenance of Equipment Annual Inspection by certified inspectors	1	3	L	Reporting of any concerns or incidents to camp management
Loose Harness	Falls, Injury	Instruction in wearing harness Checked by instructor prior to activity to ensure correctly fitted	21	3	ML	Assistant Adult to help participants as necessary with harnesses
Worn/Damaged Wire	Injury	Regular inspection of rope and annual replacement	1	43	ML	

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