

Thriftwood Scout Campsite Risk Assessment for:- Climbing Wall . Completed by Alex Kerr Review date 25/3/2013

Hazard	Risk	Possible actions	Action recommended	Review/comments
Falling	High	Qualified instructors. Quality harnesses. Sound equipment. Safety checks.	All instructors to hold Scout M form or above. Provide well fitting harnesses. Check equipment regularly (see Log) Conduct safety checks of equipment and wall (see log) Instructors to semi-direct belay	
Bruising	Medium	Instructions to wear appropriate clothing. Clear instructions on how to climb. Provide safety helmets. Give instructions on what to do if you slip or fall.	Ensure all participants are wearing appropriate clothing. Give guidance on basic climbing techniques. Issue correct fitting safety helmets. Make participants aware of how to react when falling.	
Loosing hand grip or foot hold	Medium	Give instructions on how to minimise possibility of slipping. Wearing appropriate footwear. Inspect holds for wear.	Instruct students on basic climbing techniques.  Check suitability of footwear before allowing to climb. Inspect wall holds for wear regularly (see Log)	
Fear of height	Low	Give guidance in an understanding and sympathetic manner. Do not insist participants must climb.	Give guidance in an understanding and sympathetic manner. Do not insist participants must climb. Permit frightened participants to be lowered gently and give praise for achieving what they had done. Encourage spectators to applaud.	
Failure of equipment	High	Regular checks. Provide quality equipment suitable for the activity. Keep up to date with latest equipment.	Checks as per Log Provide up to date, quality equipment. All instructors to be qualified and assessed every five years. Site is a member of BMC through Colin	
Horseplay	Low	Each group to provide adult supervisor. Instructors to give advice on dangers of horse play. Provide seating area for spectators.	Each group to provide adult supervisor. Instructors to give advice on dangers of horse play. Provide seating area for spectators.	
Misuse of instructors	Low	Ensure instructors are not bored or tired	Do not allow instructors to do more than two hours without a break.	

Impact on falling	Medium	Ensure area at base of climbs conforms with safe landing policies.	Place a minimum of 12 inches (300mm) of wood chips at base of all walls. Wood Chips upgraded every 6mths as per log	
Entrapment on abseiling and belaying	Low	Ensure all hair is tied back and scarfs and accessories are removed and loose clothing secured safely. Making sure correct rope handling procedures are being used.	Make sure all staff are trained to recognise and understand potential entrapments hazards and deal with them before they become a issue.	
Falling objects	Low	All staff to ensure all equipment that is not in use to be kept on the ground or clipped to instructor. Helmets to be worn.	Only take the required amount of equipment necessary for the set up everything else should be clipped to the instructor or left on the ground. Helmets to be worn and the correct information given in case of an incident.	

Review Date	Completed by	Recommendations
1/4/2010	Colin	Semi-direct belaying
1/4/2011	Colin Tilbrook	No Change
29/3/12	Colin Tilbrook	No Change