

Climbing offsite

Human Hazards

Hazard type	Who may be harmed	Is the risk adequately controlled
General – All Hazards	All Participants & Staff	S.O.L.D (Surrey Outdoor learning and Development) Instructors only to facilitate sessions. S.O.L.D staff to ensure appropriate communications in place. Access to first aid kit. Pre site visit and risk assessment completed by Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (S.O.L.D) staff. Check with group leader for medical conditions of group and appropriate medication is carried. A final check by duty worker must take place before activity starts.
Fall from climbing wall	All Participants & Staff	Fall when bouldering
Fall when bouldering	All Participants & Staff	Participants are briefed on 'spotting' techniques prior to session. Ensure the group are briefed on the rules of bouldering. Participants briefed on maximum height allowed to climb.
Ongoing medical conditions / illness	All Participants & Staff	Group Leaders must have record of medical history in the event of illness or worsening medical condition and ensure that any required medication is carried with them. First aid kits carried with group. S.O.L.D. staff trained to deal with emergencies.
Injury from accessing activities/equipment without instructor / permission	All Centre Visitors	Areas clearly defined. Area made safe when not in use. PPE worn in climbing areas. Tower made safe and all equipment locked away when not in use.
Injury from lowering off	All Participants & Staff	Instructors trained to lower off slowly being careful around outriggers.
Injury from falling by accessing unsupervised side of wall	All people that can access the wall	Barriers and tape clearly surrounding area of wall showing no go zone.
Injury from falling equipment / personal possessions	All Participants & Staff	Anybody entering the climbing area must wear a helmet. Participants are briefed prior to the session to remove items from their pockets.

Environment Hazards

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Loose holds & equipment	All Participants & Staff	Participants made aware of possible loose holds. PPE equipment worn at all times.
Injury to others (other users, members of the group etc), from horseplay within the group	Other users, all Participants & Staff	Ensure group are supervised and adequately staffed at all times.
Climber swinging and colliding with other climber / wall	All Participants & Staff	Only S.O.L.D staff allowed to lower participants. Helmets worn whilst climbing and in the climbing area.
Failure to put the safety equipment on correctly	All Participants & Staff	All staff will be given staff training to spot incorrect wearing of safety equipment, all harnesses will be checked before they are put away each session.
Equipment failure	All Participants & Staff	Regular checks on equipment according to manufacturer's guidelines. Log kept of all equipment and regularly maintained.
Finger trapping	All Participants	Clear explanation to climber that only holds should be used for climbing.
Exposure / Sunburn	All Participants	Ensure all participants are wearing appropriate clothing and protection from the weather. Check detailed weather forecast before commencing activity.

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Site specific [E.G. school name]		
Dynamic on the day risk assessment [filled out on the day]	All participants, staff and instructors	i.e. (Very wet and windy today, ensure regular breaks to keep participants warm)