

Climbing - Offsite

Activity	Hazard type	Who may be harmed	Is the risk adequately controlled
General (see also site -specific general hazards)	All hazards	All Participants and instructors	SPA qualified / S.C.C. Southern Sandstone qualified (grade C) S.O.L.D (Surrey Outdoor learning and Development) Instructors only. Group leader must ensure completed medical forms for all participants. S.O.L.D staff to carry mobile phone and first aid kit. Pre site visit and risk assessment completed by Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (S.O.L.D) staff. Group leader must bring completed medical forms for all participants and ensure participants with medical conditions are known and appropriate medication is carried.
Human	Slipping on grass and boulder descent from crag top after climb	All Participants and instructors	S.O.L.D staff to rig up temporary rope handrail - making everybody aware of hazard.
Human	Fall from climbing	All Participants	Participants trained in the use of equipment and overseen by a qualified S.O.L.D Instructor. Harness, helmet and all equipment used for climbing must be checked before each individual climb commences. visual confirmation and tug check must be completed for every climb to ensure rope is connected to climber correctly. Climbing calls/permission to climb must be

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			agreed for belay team and climber. Instructor only to lower the participant down.
Human	Poor placement of belays	All Participants and instructors	Pre site visit. Prior knowledge of site is required before the site may be used by an instructor.
Environmental	Falling rock debris from above	All Participants and instructors	Helmets worn when within a certain distance of the rock face (to be determined at each specific site) and always worn during participation.
Environmental	Road Traffic	All Participants and instructors	Ensure that participants are aware of roads, suitable parking areas provided, place staff at key crossing points on any roads involved. E.g. access tracks.
Environmental	Railway tracks - If applicable	All Participants and instructors	Ensure participants are aware of boundaries close to railway tracks.
Environmental	Other users. Dogs / Climbers	All Participants	Brief group about: - awareness of other crag users, avoid contact with dogs.
Environmental	Drowning (if lakes, rivers streams present)	All Participants and instructors	Briefing on area and out of bounds areas.
Environmental	Face eye and body injuries from vegetation	All Participants and instructors	Use the paths only. Warn participants about branches & stems hazards.
Environmental	Poisoning	All participants	Brief participants not to eat or touch anything they are uncertain about.
Equipment	Strangers	All Participants	Brief young people not to talk to strangers. If they are in any doubt they should report to a member of staff.
Equipment	Exposure / Sunburn	All Participants	Ensure all participants are wearing appropriate clothing and protection from the weather. Check

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			detailed weather forecast before commencing activity.
Equipment	Crag Edge	All Participants	Brief group on hazards making all aware of crag edge, constant supervision of participants whenever they are close to the edge.
Environmental	Sudden change in weather conditions	All Participants	Weather reports gained before hand, suitable clothing for possible conditions taken with. Adherence to the guidelines of MLTB SPA - is: -climbed without intermediate stances, single pitch, allows students to be lowered to the ground at all times, non-tidal, non-serious, little objective danger, no difficulties on approach or retreat such as route finding, scrambling or navigating.
Environmental	Failure to put the safety equipment on correctly	All participants and instructors	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	Equipment Failure	All participants and instructors	Regular checks on equipment according to manufacturer's guidelines. Log kept of all equipment and regularly maintained.