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Climbing

**Note: This risk assessment applies only to the indoor wall set up with top ropes. The auto belay tower is covered by a separate risk assessment.**

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| Hazard | At Risk | Control Measures | Severity | Likelihood | Rating | Further Action |
| Injury caused by falls, falling objects or equipment failure. | Any person involved with climbing activity and those spectators present | Instructor to be familiar with the site’s climbing Operating Procedures. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Adequately Controlled |
| Instructors should hold the necessary authorisation under the Scout Association Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme or the appropriate National Governing Body Award. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Adequately Controlled |
| A record of usage of climbing equipment is kept. | 1 | 1 | 1 | Adequately Controlled |
| All climbing equipment is inspected prior to use. Faulty or suspicious equipment is to be quarantined immediately until it is repaired or destroyed. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Adequately Controlled |
| Recommended group size 8 up to a max of 12  (Subject to number of instructors available ) | 4 | 1 | 4 | Adequately Controlled |
| Properly fitting harnesses must be worn. | 4 | 1 | 4 | Adequately Controlled |
| Novices must always wear helmets | 4 | 1 | 4 | Adequately Controlled |
| Safety talks on inappropriate behaviour prior to start of activity.  Participants awaiting their turn and other spectators should remain a safe distance away from the activity. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Adequately Controlled |
| Transfer of infectious diseases such as COVID-19. Norovirus etc | Everyone | * PPE such as masks and visors available upon request. Cleaning kits containing sanitising spray, paper wipes and hand gel available upon request. Usage of above voluntary unless high rates when our procedures will require their use. | 3 | Low – 2  High - 3 | 6  9 | Adequately Controlled |
| Structure Failure | Participants | * Daily visual inspections of structure carried out during set up. * Detailed 3 monthly structure checks carried out and recorded.  Areas of concerns to be inspected by technical expert. * Annual inspection undertaken by competent person. | 1 | 4 | 4 | Adequately Controlled |
| Entrapment | Participants | * Loose jewellery to be removed, long hair tied back and loose clothing to be secured. | 1 | 4 | 4 | § |