

Nottingham Climbing Centre

Risk assessment for climbing sessions with groups of young people.

To be read in conjunction with the general risk assessment parts 1 and 2.

Hazard	Risk	People at risk	Controlling measures	Risk level	Comments
Unqualified and incompetent staff	Personal injury	Clients and visiting staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All staff working at the centre will be suitably qualified and experienced. 2. All staff will have been screened through the CRB. 3. All staff will be first aid trained. 4. Visiting staff, where able, will be asked to take an active role in the session. 	Low	
Previous injury or illness being made worse by activity	Personal injury	Clients and visiting staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All group members will be required to have had medical forms completed and have parental consent to climb. 2. Any session will start with a warm up. 	Low	
Unsupervised young people	Personal injury and young people becoming lost.	Young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All groups are accounted for at the beginning of a session. 2. At the end of a session groups will be handed back to the visiting staff and escorted from the climbing area. 3. Toilets are well marked and in the main part of the building. 4. Staff will involve as many group members in the activity as possible. 	Medium	
Minor falls and slips during climbing session	Personal injury	Clients and visiting staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All staff and group members are given clear safety guidelines at the start of a session. 2. All sessions will start with easy climbs first. 3. All groups are supervised at all times by qualified and experienced staff. 4. Clear boundaries are set for groups both when climbing and at ground level. 5. Any peer group belaying will be closely monitored. 	Low	