

Risks Common To Climbing Based Activities

COLUMN 1 SIGNIFICANT HAZARD	COLUMN 2 WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	COLUMN 3 RISK FACTOR P x S	COLUMN 4 How is the Risk Controlled?	COLUMN 5 Further action needed to control risk	COLUMN 6 Completion date
Setting up of equipment at top of activity area	Instructors	1x 9 = 9 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring, highlighting dangers and methods of self-protection.	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Falling from height	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x 9 = 9 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Group briefing and orientation before start of activity highlighting danger areas 4. Use of visiting staff as extra eyes and ears behind instructors on activities 5. Identification of people with specific problems at morning meeting	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Things falling onto people	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x 9 = 9 Low	1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring	Monitor instructor training and practice Inspect all activity areas regularly	Daily

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Things falling onto people Cont.			3. Group briefing and orientation at start of activity highlighting danger areas 4. Everyone to wear properly fitted helmets at all times, unless they are in areas designated by their instructors. 5. Everyone to be made aware of the “below” warning call and told not to look up when it is shouted. 6. Use of visiting staff as extra eyes and ears behind instructors on activities to keep people away from any danger areas. 7. Monitoring all activity areas to ensure that nothing is loose or dangerous		

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Incorrect attachment to rope / premature climbing by client	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1x 9 = 9 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Initial briefing – group awareness of “ 1,2,3, 1,2,3 ” checks. Individual checks first, then the instructor or carer / teacher checks prior to each person starting activity. The instructor will always be in a position to have ‘overview,’ and will always give the final command to commence the activity. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Entrapment of clothing, hair, fingers in rocks or mechanical devices	Clients/visiting staff/Instructors	1 x 5 = 5 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Pre-activity briefing relating to preventative measures eg. dangers involved with loose hair, strings, helmet straps, locked off descender etc. 4. Pre-activity safety check by instructors to include checking for loose items mentioned in 3. above. 5. The abseil rope, caving ladder etc. must be set up with an Italian Hitch, to facilitate the release and lowering of the person involved if preventative measures fail 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily

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Inversion of client	Clients/visiting staff	1 x 4 = 4 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures in Codes of Practice highlighting centre current practice on different activities. 2. Instructor training, induction and monitoring 3. Properly fitted harnesses must be worn - All groups must wear chest harness in the rock climbing area and they will be available for use where an instructor deems necessary on all other activities using bottom harnesses. 	Monitor instructor training and practice	Daily
Helmet causing a rash to the skin	Clients/visiting staff	1 x 2 = 2 Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be aware of skin rash problems. In particular to younger children and those with skin complaints. Listen for complaints of itchy skin usually under the chin. 	Wash helmets periodically with clean water and 'Milton'	Monthly