

Health and Safety Risk Assessment Form



Assessment of:	Climbing Wall		
Location:	Mount Cook Adventure Centre	Date of assessment:	March 2021
Completed by:	Bernard Müller	Expiry Date:	February 2022
Additional Staff Competency	SPA, ERCA, CWA or Equivalent. Relevant group management experience.	Ratio:	1:12

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Fall from height	Participants, Staff Breaks, Sprains	Only roped climbing allowed Regular inspection of fixed anchor points used for protection of climbers and belay positions. All equipment including ropes checked prior to session All equipment including ropes inspected and recorded. Climbers appropriately supervised and briefed on correct techniques Correct fitting and use of harnesses	Y	Maintenance schedule logged on paper trail to ensure compliance & completion Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low

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Falling objects and impact with the wall.	Participants, Staff Head injury	Effective group management and briefing All climbers to remove items from pockets	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity staff	Low
Holds, spinning breaking	Participants, Staff	Holds regularly checked and tightened when necessary Reporting procedures in place Prompt action	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted Maintenance schedule followed & logged on paper trail	Activity Staff	Low
Inappropriate wearing of clothing, footwear, jewellery and long hair	Participants, Staff Minor Injury	Appropriate footwear and clothing worn for the activity. ong hair tied back and jewellery removed	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity Staff	Low

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Damaged/faulty equipment	Participants, Staff Major/ Minor Injury	Visual inspection of equipment prior to use Regular recorded inspections of all equipment Reporting procedure in place for damaged/faulty items Prompt remedial action Damaged/faulty equipment marked as 'do not use', taken out of action immediately and repaired or disposed of as necessary	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted Maintenance schedule followed & logged on paper trail	Activity manager	Low
Inadequate supervision / horseplay	Participants, Staff Minor Injury	Good group management and briefing Supervisors qualified to an appropriate level	Y	Activity staff to change session or activity if deemed unsafe	Activity staff	Low
Pupils with pre-existing medical conditions	Participants, Staff	Staff made aware of all pupils with medical / injuries conditions Staff to assess if appropriate for pupil to participate in activity Pupils reminded to bring inhalers, epipens etc Staff to have access to specific pupil risk assessment for pupils with more serious conditions and to adapt activity for them accordingly if appropriate First aider available on site	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity manager	Low

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		Procedures in place to call for immediate help				
Poor technique / muscle strains, sprains	Participants, Staff	Warm up appropriate to the activity and conditions at start of each session. Pupils instructed and shown appropriate techniques Session well managed with suitable rest and recovery time	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted	Activity staff	Low
Security		Wall isolated when not being used. Equipment removed from the wall to prevent unsupervised use. Method for securing top ropes from anchor points to prevent unauthorised use. Equipment kept secure when not in use	Y	Activity Staff suitably trained & inducted Maintenance schedule followed & logged on paper trail	Activity manager	Low

Risk Assessment checked by H&S or Line Manager

Name: Steve Turner CEO

Date: 9th April 2021

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