



**Risk assessment for – Bouldering - downstairs**

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Hazard	Risk Consequence	Who might be harmed	Control Measure	Level of risk with control measure
Fall from height	High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inexperienced climbers to be trained on courses</li> <li>Safety video in place</li> <li>Climbers to sign to state they are competent</li> <li>Hourly checks by staff on “walk round” to look for incorrect practice</li> <li>Bouldering matting fitted under wall</li> <li>Signage in place</li> </ul>	Low
Hold spins	Low/Med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular maintenance</li> <li>Spinning holds to be tightened as soon as possible</li> <li>Signage in place</li> </ul>	Med
Fall down back of wall	High	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No topping out, as covered in rules</li> <li>Design of wall doesn’t encourage people to top out as there is no ledge to climb onto</li> </ul>	Low
Muscular injury	Low/Med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inexperienced climbers to be trained on courses</li> <li>Safety video in place</li> <li>Climbers to sign to state competent, so should be aware of warm up</li> <li>New climbers on course to be briefed on suitable warmup</li> </ul>	Low
Climbers landing on each other	High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inexperienced climbers to be trained on courses</li> <li>Safety video in place</li> <li>Climbers to sign to state competent</li> <li>Brightly lit</li> </ul>	Med
Falling onto items on the mats	Med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hourly checks by staff on “walk round” to look for incorrect practice</li> <li>Safety video in place</li> </ul>	Low
Wall failure	High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wall manufactured to EN guidelines</li> <li>Wall to be checked as recommended by EntrePrises</li> </ul>	Low
Damaged matting	High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All safety flooring to be check regularly and as to policy</li> <li>Any faults or damage to be fixed or the area to be sealed off</li> </ul>	Low



Falling climber	Med/High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climber where possible to climb back down (in rules)</li> <li>• Open plan design of climbing wall reduces risk of walking under someone</li> <li>• Inexperienced climbers to be trained on courses</li> <li>• Climbers to sign to state competent, so should be aware of not walking under somebody climbing</li> <li>• Not to walk under people climbing covered in rules</li> </ul>	Med
Injury from incorrect landing on matt	Med		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climber where possible to climb back down (in rules)</li> <li>• Inexperienced climber to be trained on courses</li> <li>• Bouldering safety video in place</li> <li>• Climbers to sign to state competent, so should be aware of how to fall</li> <li>• Harnesses to be removed before climbing (in rules)</li> <li>• Extra signage in place</li> </ul>	Low
Injury from Jewellery	Low/med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inexperienced climber to be trained on sessions</li> <li>• Climbers to sign to state they are competent</li> <li>• Hourly checks by staff on “walk round” to look for incorrect practice</li> <li>• To be advised against wearing jewellery in rules</li> </ul>	Low