



**Risk assessment for** –Coached sessions on roped wall and boulders with more than 8 participants

**NOTE All participants must be independent climbers and signed off or have filled in the appropriate forms  
For coaching sessions of 18 all climbers must not require instruction in key safety techniques**

Relevant qualifications- Must be MTA qualified instructor or coach, if on lead wall CWDI or above  
Max Ratio 1 to 18

Note: The sign off procedure for independent climbing involves multiple observations of the candidate operating at a satisfactory standard and the informed consent of the parent/guardian.

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Hazard	Risk Consequence	Who might be harmed	Control Measure	Level of risk with control measure
18 participants	Med	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All customers must be either signed off to be unsupervised climbers or be of a level which means they require no instruction in key safety techniques</li> <li></li> </ul>	Low
Belayer error – fall from height	High	Climber, Belayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all belayers are competent and familiar with belaying best practice.</li> <li>All belayers should have experience catching falls.</li> <li>All belayers to have been assessed and signed off as capable of independent lead belaying in the case of under 18, and adults should have passed picture test as competent unsupervised climbers</li> </ul>	Low
Muscular injury	Low/Med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach to encourage the use of a warm up at the start of session</li> </ul>	Low
Climber error	High	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all climbers have experience lead climbing</li> <li>Ensure all climbers have experience of managing clipping errors</li> <li>All climbers to have been assessed and signed off as capable of independent lead climbing.</li> </ul>	Low
Fall from bouldering wall	Med	Climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All boulderers must be experienced with managing their safety while bouldering</li> </ul>	Low



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General public	Med	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group management by instructor</li> </ul>	Low
Injury from Jewellery	Low/med	Climber/belayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors to advise against wearing jewellery</li> <li>• Consider taping up non removable rings.</li> </ul>	Low