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Climbing & Abseiling in Climbing Wall

Risks:

1. Equipment failure
2. Injury due to falling
3. Students operating independently of the instructor whilst others are climbing
4. Injury from falling equipment
5. Clothing or hair being caught in equipment
6. Fingers caught in hangers

Risk

Risk Management

- a. All instructors will be trained and assessed before taking groups climbing. Only those authorised by the Climbing Technical Advisor are to run climbing sessions.
- b. Instructor to student ratio will not exceed 1:12.
- c. Safety procedures will be included in the student briefing.
- d. Groups will be told not to have anything in pockets during climbing.
- f. No one is to solo climb, lead climbing is only to be carried out when supervised by instructor with MIA
- g. Students must be told how to carry and protect equipment in transit as well as when in use. The care of ropes is to be particularly emphasised.
- h. The instructor operating at the top of the abseil is to stay aware of the whereabouts of members of the group. Students are to be instructed not to wander away from the climbing wall.
- i. The instructor supervising the abseil is to ensure that no clothing or hair is hanging loose before allowing students to abseil. All abseils are to be rigged to be readily releasable.
- j. Students are to be belayed on the safety rope before approaching the edge of an abseil.
- k. Students are to be kept away from the climbing wall except whilst

climbing or abseiling.

- all l. Students are never to be left unsupervised whilst climbing is taking place.
- 6 m. Students informed about the danger of using hangers to pull on.

