



Climbing Wall- Risk Analysis and Management

Risk Analysis		Management				
Hazard/Harm	Risk severity (Initial)	Control (Eliminate/ Minimise)	Action	Risk severity (residual)	SOP	Accepted
People: Impairment/ability of CYC Instructor	20	E	Make sure that all CYC staff are trained in accordance with the corresponding Ops Plan, are given thorough training in rescue scenarios, are able to communicate clearly with guests, and manage large groups	4	-	Yes
People: Falling from height	18	M	Make sure that all CYC staff are trained in accordance with the corresponding Ops Plan, are given thorough training in rescue scenarios, are able to communicate clearly with guests, and manage large groups	5	1 CYC Instructor and 1 Activity Supervisor over 16 years old, per 12 participants (max of 24 participants) Min/Max weight for climber is 20/100kg Covered shoes are to be worn while climbing, snug fitting sport shoes are ideal – Crocs do not count. No open toed shoes or bare feet! Any Belayer must be 16 years or older and watch instructor for 2 climbs while instructor explains how to belay, then be examined by instructor for at least 2 climbs or until they show proficiency on belaying Direct supervision for climbers less than 14 years. Supervisors must be given instruction by CYC Instructor on how to supervise participants and help them on and off the wall. All Participants must sit through CYC Instructed briefing before climbing. Do not use purple loops on wall as holds.	Yes
Equipment: Malfunctioning gear Loose Rock holds	18	M	Before session CYC Instructor will make visual inspections of climbing wall, bouldering wall, Auto Belays, Top Ropes, and harnesses	5	-	Yes
People: Pre-existing condition	15	E	Not to Use	5	Expectant mothers or participants with injured backs should not climb	Yes

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People: Belayers/Climbers Without Adequate Instruction/Training	15	M	CYC Instructed Activity All Belayers, Climbers, and Supervisors must go through briefings and training before undertaking their role on the climbing wall by CYC Instructors	3	Any Belayer must be 16 years or older and watch instructor for 2 climbs while instructor explains how to belay, then be examined by instructor for at least 2 climbs and until they show proficiency on belaying Supervisors must be given instruction by CYC Instructor on how to supervise participants and help them on and off the wall All Participants must sit through CYC Instructed briefing before climbing	Yes
Equipment: Damage to equipment	12	M	CYC Staff to check prior to putting out gear	4	-	Yes
People: Misuse of equipment	12	E	Do not leave gear unattended, Gym must be locked when unattended and gear is out Use gear correctly Make sure participants don't use purple mat anchors on wall as holds	4	Face forward when descending with legs straight and feet against wall Do not use purple loops on wall as holds Climbers' feet must not be higher than shoulder height off the ground unless you are clipped in.	Yes
Equipment: Hair or clothes caught in equipment Body scrapes on wall	9	M	Clothing and Hair instructions Face forward when descending with legs straight and feet against the wall	3	No loose fitted clothing or jewellery to be worn and long hair is to be tied back while climbing as this could get stuck in climbing equipment. Covered shoes are to be worn while climbing snug fitting sport shoes are ideal – crocs do not count. No open toed shoes or bare feet. Face forward when descending with legs straight and feet against wall	Yes



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People: Impairment of Supervisor	6	E	CYC Staff to look out for signs of impairment	3	-	Yes
Environment: Natural Hazard	5	M	CYC Staff to be aware of changing conditions	1	-	Yes
Emergency procedures Stop activity, assess situation, administer first aid, call emergency services if necessary, notify camp organisers and camp staff, and fill out an incident form when practicable.						
Equipment		Harnesses, top ropes, auto belays, mats, rock climbing wall, bouldering wall, blind folds (for bouldering games) Activity SOPs				
Competencies for Activity Sign Off		CYC Instructed 1:1:12 or 2:2:24 (max 24 participants) (1 instructor:1 supervisor:12 participants)				
Final decision on implementing activity		ACCEPTED by CYC Director				
Comments Circumstances can change quickly, supervisors need to be diligent in their task, and respond as needed. CYC reserve the right to close this activity.						