

# RISK ASSESSMENT: Mobile Climbing Wall

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What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
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<b>Falling From a Height</b>	Participants	Breaks, fractures and death (ground impact)	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All instructors are trained by a Ferny Crofts Activities team trainer and assessed by a Scout County climbing assessor.</li> <li>All instructors are regularly monitored by senior staff to ensure procedures are complied with.</li> <li>All participants are provided with a suitable climbing harness.</li> <li>The instructor explains how to fit the harness correctly and is checked before ascent that the harness is fitted correctly.</li> <li>Whilst climbing the participant is connected to a safety system at all times.</li> <li>The instructor monitors the group to make sure no one climbs before their equipment is checked and connected to the safety system by the instructor.</li> <li>Appropriately qualified and signed off staff required.</li> <li>The instructor monitors the group whilst they are climbing</li> </ul>	1	5	5
<b>Equipment Failure</b>	All	Cuts, Lacerations, Death	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment is visually checked by the instructor prior to being used. Items deemed to be faulty are removed from use immediately, logged and placed in the quarantine bin. As per policy 5.3 faulty or damaged equipment.</li> <li>6 monthly inspections to be completed and logged by a PPE inspector having attended a 'Competent Person' course.</li> </ul>	1	5	5
<b>Objects Falling from a Height</b>	All	Bruises, contusions	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All structural elements are physically checked and recorded during 3 monthly inspections, as well as visually from the ground prior to the start of a session.</li> <li>All participants are to remove everything from their pockets before they put on their climbing harness.</li> <li>Footwear must be appropriate and securely fastened.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
<b>Exposure/ Hypothermia and Sunburn</b>	All	Sunburn, high temperature, dehydration	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and participants must have suitable clothing for the weather and activity.</li> <li>Both staff and clients to drink plenty of water.</li> <li>Sun cream applied when needed.</li> <li>Gazebo to be erected to offer shade from the sun</li> </ul>	1	2	2

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Slips, Trips and Falls	All	Cuts, bruises and grazes	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment not being used is put neatly to the side.</li> <li>Participants warned about potential hazards.</li> <li>All participants must be wearing sensible footwear (closed toe shoes).</li> </ul>	1	1	1
Adverse Weather	All	Sunburn, high temperature, dehydration	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the first sign of thunder and lightning continue until the flash to bang is no less than 30 secs, at which point the activity stops immediately. The activity may continue 30 minutes after thunder is last heard.</li> <li>If there are high winds, then the activity will stop and anybody off the ground will be asked to come down. This decision will be made by the Activities Co-Ordinator or combination of Duty Manager and Lead Instructor/s.</li> <li>Refer to 'Adverse Weather' policy</li> </ul>	1	4	4
Group Behaviour	All	Loss of control of the group, participants being distracted/not listening.	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group leaders are to ensure that the group is under control at all times.</li> <li>Instructor is to stop the session if participant behaviour becomes dangerous.</li> <li>Instructor to check with group leader at the start of the session for any neurodiverse participant's and make sure control measures are in place to appropriately manage their needs.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Entrapment	All	Compression/crushing injuries	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loose jewellery to be removed, long hair tied back and loose clothing to be secured.</li> <li>Instructor is trained in adequate rescue technique for activity.</li> </ul>	1	4	4
Unauthorised use whilst set up	All	Accessing the activity at height without PPE or qualified supervision.	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The anti-climb banner must be fitted when unsupervised.</li> <li>All equipment is to be packed away when un supervised.</li> </ul>	1	5	5
Strains, Sprains and Other Injuries	All	Strains and sprains	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors to tell the group to be careful whilst on the activity and then monitor them to make sure they are using the activity in the correct way.</li> <li>All instructing staff to be first aid trained.</li> <li>The activity area has a first aid kit in it and all staff have a radio if they require extra assistance.</li> </ul>	1	2	2

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Structure Failure	All	Cuts, bruises, grazes, broken bones, multi-skeletal injury, death	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily visual inspections of structure carried out during set up and logged on sheets.</li> <li>Detailed 3 monthly structure checks carried out and recorded. Areas of concerns to be inspected by technical expert.</li> <li>Annual inspection undertaken by independent competent person.</li> <li>The wall must have a valid ADIPS inspection</li> </ul>	1	5	5
Human Error	All	Instructor complacency and loss of focus could result in putting everyone at danger.	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All instructors must hold a Scout Artificial Top Rope Activity permit (Or above/Equivalent), or an in-house qualification sign off by a technical advisor.</li> <li>All instructors are regularly monitored to ensure procedures are complied with.</li> <li>All instructors are aware of where risk assessments and operating procedures are stored.</li> <li>Where possible, instructors to only work the same session twice in one day.</li> <li>Instructors made aware of any changes to activity, via activity change sheet.</li> </ul>	1	5	5
Strangulation	All	Broken neck, bruising, rope burn	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loose items of clothing (e.g. Necker's) are removed.</li> <li>Instructor trained in appropriate rescue techniques.</li> <li>No helmets to be worn</li> </ul>	1	5	5

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Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.

Remaining Risk Level	Description
1-5	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
5-10	Low, control measures satisfactory
10-15	Medium, control measures adequate
15-20	High, control measures need further consideration
20-25	Very high, intolerable, stop Job