

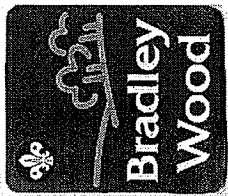
## CLIMBING WALL

The safety procedures and risk assessment are based on the assumption that the participants in the activity are of average ability. Before commencing the activity the instructor will assess the group and will make any allowances necessary to cover such things as disability. The safety level must not be compromised, but steps will be taken to ensure that those less able can take a full enjoyable and active part in the activity.

Instructor	Must be trained to:- Level 1 must have a level 2 present at wall Level 2 full use of wall but no abseiling Level 3 full use of wall and abseiling platform SPA full use of the wall and abseiling platform
Ratio Instructor/Pupil	1:8
Protective Equipment	Everyone must wear a correctly fitting helmet. With chin strap fastened If going above 2 metres off the ground then a correctly adjusted harness must be worn this must be tied into one of the ropes provided. Gloves as deemed appropriate. Personal clothing will be suitable for the activity
Restrictions	None.

The following rules will apply

- ⚡ Where the group exceeds 8 persons then a further leader will control the participants not climbing. The total group will not exceed 12; where 2 instructors are used 20 and where 3 instructors are used 28.
- ⚡ A level 1, 2, 3 can only supervise two ropes.
- ⚡ A level 3 or those holding the SPA qualification can do abseiling
- ⚡ There must be a first aider within call. Telephone assistance will be available
- ⚡ The instructor before use will check all equipment,; faulty equipment will be placed in the blue barrel for the wall manager to check and take appropriate action
- ⚡ The equipment is stored in the equipment store. At the end of the session the equipment must be returned to the correct pegs.
- ⚡ The ballast bags live on the climbing wall floor. Connection to the harness is via the short rope provided and a screwed karabiner
- ⚡ All people taking part in the climbing wall activity will wear a correctly fitting helmet. The red helmets denote instructors
- ⚡ All persons not wearing helmets must sit on the benches
- ⚡ All people climbing must wear a recognised climbing harness with a CE mark
- ⚡ All climbers must be belayed with a belay device or Gri-Gri
- ⚡ The rope on the climbing wall be tied directly in to the harness
- ⚡ A 'tug test' must be carried out to check the belay device is set up properly every time it is put on the rope.
- ⚡ Before a climber sets off climbing a check must take place that the climber belayer are connected to the same rope, the harness is done up correctly, the knot on the climber is tied correctly along with a stopper knot and the belay device is correctly set up with the screw on the karabiner done up finger tight
- ⚡ The instructor is in charge of the descending climber
- ⚡ The abseiler must be connected to the safety rope before leaving the door
- ⚡ Do not run or fool around on the climbing wall
- ⚡ Those not following the rules will be asked to leave the wall.
- ⚡ If you do not understand ASK!!
- ⚡ Padded mats in place with no gaps
- ⚡ Training will be given prior to climbing
- ⚡ Equipment will be checked at regular intervals and logged



**BRADLEY WOOD SCOUT CAMP HANDBOOK**

**ACTIVITY RISK ASSESSMENT**

Controls taken to minimise risks and safe working instructions should lower risk to a tolerable level

**CLIMBING WALL 14.3**

RISK	PERSONS AT RISK		CONTROLS TAKEN TO MINIMISE RISKS	Probability	Consequence	Score	RISK
	Participants	Spectators					
Falling Objects	✓		Regular checks of wall, loose objects removed from persons. Safety helmets	6	4	24	Medium Risk
Falls from wall	✓		Belay/harnesses and instructions given. Approved instructors in charge	10	6	60	High Risk
Falls from wall	✓		Padded mats provided. Dry run training given to all. Instructor checks tie in	10	6	60	High Risk
Loose holds	✓		Regular checks of wall, Any faults to be reported to instructor and manager	6	6	36	Medium/High Risk
Abselling falls	✓		Level 3 or SPA instructors only Safety Lines to be used	6	6	36	Medium/High Risk
Burns	✓		Consideration to be given to wearing gloves when using none auto belay system	6	2	12	Low/Medium
Trips and slips	✓	✓	Regular cleaning schedules kitbags to be left clear of climbing area	8	4	32	Medium/High Risk
Failure of equipment	✓		Maintenance procedures in place. Equipment maintained	2	6	12	Low/Medium
Lack of competence, bravado, inexperience	✓		Training given, full supervision, written procedures	6	4	24	Medium Risk
Misuse		✓	Area cordoned off no unauthorised use allowed by any person	2	6	12	Low/Medium
Inexperienced staff	✓		All staff trained and qualifications checked on regular basis	2	6	12	Low/Medium
Muscle strains	✓		Warm up exercises recommended	6	2	12	Low/Medium
Ill fitting equipment	✓		All equipment checked by instructor for correct fit and use	2	4	8	Low Risk