

THE QUARRIES SCOUT CAMPSITE



Stratford Road, Cosgrove, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BD

Risk Assessment for – Use of Quarries Campsite Climbing Wall

Managing risk : Instructors will hold appropriate qualification for the activity, (ref to Quarries regulations of use document) Bucks County Scout Council Climbing Adviser & Relevant Commissioners will be satisfied that instructors are trained and competent to lead the activity and instructors are familiar with standard operating procedures for the wall as listed below .

Associated documentation with relevance to risk assessment

Regulation of use

Emergency procedures

Rules for wall

Maintenance policy

NB all documentation is available for view and is kept in the Quarries Office; rules and condition of use is also published as posters within the wall.

Who is at Risk: All Participants / users

Hazard	Likely hood & seriousness of Harm / Injury	Control Measures	Remaining Risk
Fall From Height	Likely Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roped climbing on wall • Helmet worn • Appropriate use of spotting techniques if necessary • Use Instructor/Coach to monitor safe belaying techniques 	Low

Falling Objects	Likely serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmet Worn:- on gravel areas at bottom of wall • Effective group management and briefings • Climbers remove items from pockets 	Low
Equipment Failure	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure correct fitting of harness and helmet • Condition of all equipment checked prior to use • Use of equipment logs and life span and condition monitored • Suspect items removed from use and destroyed • Competent and correct use of equipment • Equipment used meets required EN standards • Feedback by users enabled 	Low
Structural failure of wall or protection points	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance policy of wall used and in place • Structural Condition of wall monitored at regular intervals • Inspection of wall prior to use • Wall designed to relevant standards & code of practices • Feedback by users enabled 	Low
Use of wall by climbers	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All users to have induction and briefing on use of wall • Supervision by qualified instructors • Competence of users checked & monitored by supervision • Use of log cabin for changing, storage of personnel belongings • Segregation of climbing/ non climbing areas 	Low
Other Site Users	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing and general circulation areas segregated • Designated safe areas for viewing climbing by non-climbers 	Low

Child protection	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All instructors have had DBS checks – with regular review and update. All instructors have attended a safe guarding and child protection course. Parent/guardian consent for under 18,s Use of guidelines and rules of the scout association All instructors registered with the scout association and hold relevant permit for the activity 	Low
Misuse of climbers safety equipment/ wall	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All users to have induction and briefing on use of wall Competence of users checked & monitored by supervision Supervision by qualified instructors 	Low
Watches/ Jewellery/ Piercings/ Hair/clothing/ Keys/etc.	Likely Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All watches, rings, earrings should be removed or covered with appropriate tape Sharp objects and keys etc. removed from pockets Secure footwear i.e. shoelace tied Clothing worn correctly and secure from snagging either wall or climbing equipment Long hair tied back and secure from snagging either wall or climbing equipment 	Low
Holds Failing	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance policy of wall used and in place Condition of wall monitored at regular intervals Inspection of wall prior to each use Helmet worn Effective group management and briefings Defective holds identified and put out of use until rectified Feedback by users enabled 	Low

Slips/Trips /Falls	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check circulation areas by Instructors prior and during use of wall • Good house keeping • Trip hazards identified on the site • Good access and egress to areas 	Low
Muscle/Joint Injuries	Likely Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of appropriate climbing specific warm up activities • Good coaching and instruction principles • Recognition of overuse injuries, sessions managed with rest and recovery time • Appropriate activity/ exercise for age and ability of persons using the wall 	Low
Accidents and emergencies	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency procedures are part of the wall induction • Emergency procedures are published in poster format around the wall and log cabin • All instructors are First Aid trained 	Low