

## Risk Assessment – Bouldering

<b>Baseline</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Site Specific</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Vulnerable Person</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Operation Notes:**

- Supervision ratio is 1 Activity Leader to 15 participants
- Internal Technical Advice from the Group Activities Manager
- Structure and equipment must be managed as per the Equipment Management System / regime.
- Impact mats should be provided at the base of the wall, or a horizontal line marked above which participants’ feet must not go, or holds positioned to limit how high participants can climb
- Structure must be secured against casual access

**Qualifications/ Competence:**

- Activity Leader to be trained to in-house syllabus. Refresher training as directed by session observations. No special requirements for Chief Instructor
- All Activity Leaders must have frequent observations as per the observation standards.

**Risk – Benefit Statement:** There is very low risk of minor grazes, bruises and sprains but high levels of participation in physical activity making the risk acceptable.

Hazard Description and activities giving rise to risk	Who may be harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Uneven floor surface – through gaps forming between impact mats and causing twisted or sprained ankles	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that mats do not have gaps between them at the beginning of the activity and make adjustments as needed through the session</li> </ul>	Very Low
Falls from height – and collisions with other participants	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate spotting techniques and enforce their use with participants</li> <li>• Watch for climbers going too high and intervene if they do</li> <li>• Space out climbers and tell them to give each other plenty of room</li> </ul>	Very Low
Sprain / strains	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A warm up is required at the start of the session</li> </ul>	Very Low