

VERTICAL REALITY UK - RISK ASSESSMENT – MOBILE CLIMBING WALL

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WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS WHICH MAY CAUSE:	Who/what may be harmed? <small>(give specific groups of people e.g. staff, visitors, contractors, pupils, residents, cleaners, disabled etc and estimate numbers; include significant property damage)</small>	What is done now? <small>(i.e. provision of training, corporate and local standards complied with, existing codes of safe working practice, protective equipment, guarding, supervision, monitoring systems, specific assessments under health and safety regulations, e.g. COSHH, DSE, noise manual handling, fire etc)</small>	How bad is the risk? <small>(It may help to use the risk assessment scoring system. Evaluate the risk as LOW, MEDIUM or HIGH)</small>	What needs to be done? <small>(What action should be taken or needs to be considered in order that the risks identified are effectively controlled)</small>	By When? <small>(What is the target date for completion)</small>
Fall from height	Participants/ Instructor	Daily safety checks by instructor. Karabiners, helmets and harnesses checked prior to ascent	LOW	Instructor trained in safe climbing practices	Ongoing
Descending onto waiting participants	Participants/ Instructor	Waiting participants kept at a safe distance from the climbing wall face	LOW	Constant Supervision Barriers used to provide safe climbing / descent area	Ongoing
Falls due to loose handholds	Participants/ Instructor	Handholds checked prior to climbing wall use	LOW	Training and Supervision	Ongoing
Descent injury	Participant	Descent brief given to climbers prior to ascent	LOW	Training and Supervision	Ongoing

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Head injury from falling objects	Participants	Helmets worn	LOW	Remove mobile phones, loose coins etc.	Ongoing
Suspension injury from loose jewellery	Participants	Participants requested to remove or secure loose jewellery	LOW	Training and Supervision	Ongoing
Injuries occurring during unsupervised use / access	Participants	Restrict access when not in use. Wall lowered after last daily session on multiple day bookings. Elevation switch secured.	LOW	Training and Supervision	Ongoing