

**The Tower
Climbing Wall**

Holy Trinity Risk Assessment – Use of the Climbing Wall Tower

Date of Assessment:

Potential Hazards	Who might be harmed and how	Risk Level H/M/L	Precautions needed	Person responsible
Head Impact Injury	Climber, belayer	L	-Helmets worn by climbers & belayers. -Persons not climbing or belaying to stay off matting area	Manager Instructor/supervisor All Individuals in tower
Cuts & abrasions	Climber	M	-Verbal communication -Participants advised to wear long sleeve tops & trousers	-Instructor/Supervisor -After training then the participant
Fall from a height	Climber	M	-Climbing rope always used with belayer when climbing -Max height of feet with out rope is 3ft	-Instructor/Supervisor -After training then the participant
Finger or hair trapped in belay plate	Belayer	M	-Belayers to be made aware of this risk in their training -Loose hair to be tied up	-Instructor/Supervisor -After training then the participant
Finger caught in anchor point	Climber	M	-Verbal communication not to touch anchor points	-Instructor/supervisor -Participant
Slips & trips	All	L	-Make individuals aware of step -Keep matting area clear of clutter	Manager Instructor/Supervisor Individuals
Hold spins	Climber	M	-Ongoing maintenance -Immediate action to be taken	-Manager -Instructor/supervisor
Fall from ladder	Person who climbs it	L	-Boarded up and signage	Manager
Belayer loses control	Climber	M	-Training in correct and different methods of	-Instructor/Supervisor

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			<p>belaying will be delivered before participants take part in the activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The belayer will only use the recommended belay methods instructed by the Instructors -The belayer will always maintain the correct positioning. -Instructors will teach the same methods as instructed in the SPA and MIA syllabus. -Clients will always work closely with the instructors to make sure there is a clear understanding of the methods being taught. 	-After training then the participant
Muscular Injury (Short and long term)	All – Short term Instructors/supervisors – long term	M	-Instructor/Supervisor will encourage clients to warm up before participating in the activity	Participants
Equipment damage	All	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Instructors & Supervisors will visually check all equipment before use. -Any concerns regarding equipment will be noted in a log book to see if any patterns are forming. -Any damaged equipment found before, during and after use will be removed from service and destroyed; this will also be noted in the equipment log. 	Manager Instructor/Supervisor

Other measures required

All Instructors & Supervisors will receive training and assessment in these risk management strategies. This training will be documented in the training log. The Manager is responsible for ensuring all staff remain current.