Southampton University Mountaineering Club

Risk Assessment

Southampton University Mountaineering Club and its members recognise and accept the BMC Participation Statement:
"Climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

Activity/Task	Indoor bouldering, specifically, the Southampton University bouldering wall.
Assessor (Position)	Jessie Brice (Safety)
Date	15/08/2018

Activity Description	Training sessions hosted by SUMC within the university bouldering wall.
Additional Notes	This risk assessment covers additional factors outside of the wall's normal operating procedures associated with use of the wall by the club for formal training sessions and competitions within the wall. This assessment is intended to supplement standard procedures and risk assessments, and in no way replaces them. All users will be familiar with normal procedures as all users will have been inducted prior to use.

All risk assessements are to be checked and signed off by the Club's Safety Secretary and President (or Vice President if necessary), except where either of these persons is the assessor in which case the other must still check and sign. Completed risk assessments should be held by the club and where necessary by the Student Activities Office in SUSU.

Checked by (Position)	Tom Mackie (President)
Date	19/03/2019
Checked by (Position)	Other Commitee member relevant to the Risk Assessment
Date	19/03/2019

	Inherent Risk		**Residual Risk**

Hazard	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk	Controls	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk
Larger number of people using the wall.	4	2	Medium	Climbers reminded of the additional dangers of a busy wall, to be particularly aware of other climbers on the wall at all times and made aware of any specific areas where congestion may be a problem. During a training session maximum occupancy shall be the same as normal operating conditions.	3	2	Low
Danger of additional obstructions in landing areas causing injury on falling	3	3	Medium	A separate space shall be made available to store belongings to keep the mats clear. Climbers reminded to avoid leaving water bottles, pens etc within the landing areas. Any equipment/props used for coaching to be stored away from landing areas when not in use.	2	2	Low
Injury due to overexersion, pulled muscles/tendon injuries etc.	3	3	Medium	Climbers not encouraged to overexert causing stress to tissue. Routes/tasks set appropriately for the skill level / physique of the group and the activity to be trained. All training sessions to be commenced with a suitable warm up.	3	2	Low
Fire	1	5	Medium	In addition to standard operating procedures, people shall be briefed to avoid congregating and leaving personal effects in the way of the fire exit. Where the fire door is propped open to allow simultaneous activities outside, no obstructions will be left blocking the fire exit.	1	2	Low
Entanglement	2	1	Low	Appropriate clothing to be worn, no jewellery to be worn.	2	3	Medium
Previous medical conditions	3	4	High	Ensure that members of climbing party are aware of any previous medical conditions, and are aware of any action that may need to be taken. Climbers participate at their own risk.	3	2	Low
Strain	2	2	Low	Appropriate warm and cool down excerises to be undertaken	1	2	low
Dehydration	2	2	Low	Drink water throughout	2	2	low