

Southampton University Mountaineering Club



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

Activity/Task	Bouldering Wall Resetting
Assessor (Position)	Jessie Brice (Safety and Skills)
Date	18/3/2019

Activity Description	Resetting of the University Bouldering Wall, including stripping and cleaning of holds and walls, setting new routes and handling all equipment.
Additional Notes	This risk assessment is based on a copy written by Sport and Wellbeing, in conjunction with wall consultant and routesetters.

All risk assessments 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

Checked by (Position)	T Mackie (President)
Date	19/3/2019
Checked by (Position)	Phoebe Crane (Vice-President)
Date	20/3/2019

Hazard	Inherent Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Carrying equipment to/from wall	High	Ensure the safest route is taken, ensure only a reasonable amount of equipment is	High

Slips trips and falls, dropping equipment onto feet, spinal, cuts, broken bones, sprains, strains, concussion	Medium	X	Ensure the safest route is taken, ensure only a reasonable amount of equipment is carried at any given time, ensure use of safe lifting practices and ensure two people are used for heavy equipment.	Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Opening door to wall Walking into door, twisting hand or finger, head injury, cuts, slips trips falls, spinal, concussion	High		Authorised personnel only, concentrating on what you are doing	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low	X		Low	X
Closing off door access with signs Slips trips and falls, people ignoring signage resulting in entry and accidents, spinal, concussion, sprains and strains	High		Authorised personnel placing signs in ideal spots, authorised personnel being aware of public, students and staff in the vicinity	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low	X		Low	X
Stripping holds Slips trips and falls, falling onto somebody, falling from height, falling onto objects, dropping objects from height, spinal, broken bones, cuts, concussion, sprains and strains	High	X	Don't stand underneath persons on wall, wearing helmet so any dropped items don't injure or cause harm, using a ladder for unscrewing of holds, ensure the ladder is secure and stable i.e. on a matt protector.	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Carrying of holds in a bucket Slips trips and falls, broken bones, cuts, concussion, spinal, broken bones, sprains and strains	High		Ensure loads aren't too heavy for the individual, ensure the bucket is of good enough quality to handle loads, ensure use of safe lifting practices	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low	X		Low	X
Scrubbing and soaking of holds Poisoning, skin irritation, cuts, sprains and strains	High		Ensure water is added to washing solution in order to dilute, ensure washing solution is constantly in the supervision of persons carrying out the activity and is not at any point left unattended in the presence of the public. See relevant COSHH form.	High	
	Medium	X		Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Moving of volumes Slips, trips and falls, falling onto objects, dropping objects onto	High	X	Ensure two people are carrying out the activity, ensure no persons are walking	High	

objects, dropping objects onto others, falling from height, broken bones, cuts, sprains and strains, spinal.	Medium		Ensure the people are carrying out the activity, ensure the persons are standing under or are near the bottom of the ladders whilst activity is being carried out, ensure safety helmets are being worn, ensure ladders are being used and that they are stable	Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Hoovering top of wall Slips trips and falls, falling onto objects, falling from heights, cuts, sprains and strains, concussion, spinal	High	X	Ensure ladder is used for the activity, ensure nobody is stood underneath the person on the ladder, ensure the ladder is stable, ensure helmets are being worn, ensure the ladder is long enough to reach top of bouldering wall so that no climbing whilst the hoover is in hand occurs.	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Test climbing routes Slips trips and falls, falling onto somebody, falling from height, falling onto objects, dropping objects from height, spinal, broken bones, cuts, concussion, sprains and strains	High	X	Ensure beyond any reasonable doubt that all holds have been replaced onto the wall in the correct and safe manner before test route is undertaken, test route to be tested by a competent climber who has been inducted, ladder to be used to tighten any loose holds, ensure nobody is stood underneath climber or person on the ladder (if being used), ensure no tools are taken on the climb. Mats at the base of the climb to be cleared of objects/obstructions.	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Reapplying holds Slips trips and falls, falling onto persons, Falling from height, falling onto objects, dropping objects from height, spinal, broken bones, cuts	High	X	Don't stand underneath persons on wall, wearing helmet so any dropped items don't injure or cause harm, using a ladder for screwing of holds, ensure the ladder is secure and stable i.e. a matt protector. Reasonable care taken to keep matting below work area clear of objects and obstructions.	High	
	Medium			Medium	
	Low			Low	X
Entanglement	Low	1	Appropriate clothing to be worn, no jewellery to be worn.	Low	2
Previous medical conditions	Low	4	Infrom head setter of any action that may need to be taken	Low	3
Strain	Low	2	warm up, cool down	Low	1
Dehydration	Low	2	Drink water throughout	Low	2

