

# Bramhope Scout Campsite and Activity Centre

# Traversing Wall Risk Assessment

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	RISK LEVEL	CONTROL OF RISK
<b>Wall Management</b> Overall supervision and control	Participants	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Leader in Charge (LinC) must be identified before the start of the session.</li> <li>• LinC must be present throughout the session</li> <li>• Appropriate ratio of staff to young people to allow effective supervision, this will depend on age and abilities of participants</li> <li>• Linc must read guidance notes for use of the wall (attached to the wall).</li> <li>• LinC to control participants during the activity and off the wall.</li> <li>• LinC to stop all activities immediately if the safety of the wall, participants or any other site users/members of the public is compromised</li> </ul>
<b>Wall Setup</b> Incorrect configuration	Participants	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to use all the mats must be correctly positioned in a continuous line below the wall</li> <li>• A clear area along the length of the mats must be established and kept clear of any equipment so that it anyone was to either fall off or step off the wall they will not be injured. Clear area to be a minimum of 1m beyond the extremities of the mats.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment Failure</b> Holds coming loose	Participants & instructors.	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-session checks must be carried out on all holds.</li> <li>• If loose holds noticed during session, the session must be stopped and the defect reported.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Wall Users</b> Overcrowding	Participants	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbers to remain suitably spaced so holds are not shared between participants.</li> <li>• Any nervous participants should be assisted by a spotter walking close behind them to give them support if needed.</li> <li>• The mat area should be kept clear other than “spotters” or leaders.</li> <li>• Maximum number of climbers on the wall at any one time is 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Behaviour</b> Hazards arising from the actions of group members e.g. Overcrowding and Disorderly behaviour.	Everyone involved with the session	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups to be briefed on standards of expected behaviour</li> <li>• Safe waiting area to be set up to avoid overcrowding on the wall.</li> <li>• LinC to be aware of the behaviour of both participants and those waiting their turn.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-participants</b> Contribution to overcrowding	Individuals encroaching wall area.	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons who are not involved in the session should remain outside the building.</li> </ul>
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