

Climbing Games

Location

The climbing wall is located inside Iceni house. Numeric door locks control access. The wall is a purpose built facility. The floor area along the wall has shock absorbing rubber tiles set level with the main floor. Ventilation to the outside is fan assisted and air movement is maintained by wall mounted fans. The whole building is centrally heated.

Equipment

A helmet is provided and fitted by the instructor. Ropes and additional equipment are provided as required.

Health & Hygiene

Climbing is a strenuous activity that requires free movement. Tight fitting, restrictive or too much clothing is not recommended. Footwear should be trainers or climbing shoes. Boots or open toes shoes are not permitted. A coat is recommended when leaving the activity if weather conditions require it. Footwear must be clean, dry and suitable for the activity. If this activity is combined with other or outdoor activities a clean change of footwear may be required.

Maintaining Distancing	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor will space out groups across the room. Group leaders are responsible for ensuring social distancing measures are observed whilst members of the group are waiting. Instructor will visually check safety equipment (helmets) and if having to come into close contact to ensure correct fitting the instructor will wear a mask.
Use of equipment – potential to pass on Coronavirus		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Users will use antibacterial hand gel before and after going on the wall. Users will be provided with their own individual helmet. They will use this for the duration of their session.
Equipment cleaning – reducing the potential to pass on Coronavirus		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment will be wiped down using soap and water and/or antiviral spray post session. If possible, equipment will be quarantined for 72 hours post the session prior to being used again.

The climbing wall is set to reopen on 1st August, these COVID control measures are based upon the current guidance trajectory at that time, and are subject to change based on government guidance and advice

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures
Falling off the wall.	Grazes, Strains, broken bones, Spinal injury.	Helmets are worn by participants when on the wall, to protect their head from contact with the wall. Low level traversing of the wall at a max height from the floor of 0.5m. All other climbing activities require participants to wear a harness and to be attached to a safety rope that is controlled or supervised by an instructor.
Poor instruction & leadership.	Muscle strains & injury through incorrect techniques. Uncontrolled behaviour.	Minimum qualification requirement for instructors and on site assessment. Continuous observations by Centre management and feedback from user groups.

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Risk Assessment



Losing grip of hands or feet. Slipping.	All above hazard effects.	Losing grip may be part of participating in this activity. When bouldering or traversing at low level climbers are protected by the play floor. Footwear must be clean, dry and suitable in order to maximise grip.
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