

Crate Stacking

Location

This activity takes place on a purpose built high ropes structure with a dedicated crate stacking platform.

Equipment

A climbing harness is provided and fitted by the instructor. Helmets are provided and fitting is demonstrated. Other equipment may be used by the instructor as required.

Health & Hygiene

The activity takes place outside and is subject to the prevailing weather conditions. No special personal equipment is required other than normal clothing for the conditions. Footwear should be sensible for the activity and the conditions. The activity may take place in most weather conditions and the decision to start or stop a session is made with consideration given to the age, preparedness for the activity and experience of the group. The activity will not take place if there is the likelihood of lightning heavy rain or high winds over 20 mph.

COVID-19 Compliance amendments:

Maintaining Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor be the sole belayer as to minimise contact with the rope. Instructor will visually check safety equipment (helmets and harnesses) and if having to come into close contact to ensure correct fitting the instructor will wear a mask. Group leaders are responsible for ensuring social distancing measures are observed whilst members of the group are waiting to climb. Participants will use antibacterial hand gel before and after using the equipment.
Use of equipment – potential to pass on Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Users will be provided with their own individual helmet and harness. 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.

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures
Tripping over crates.	Slight to severe injury.	Clear instructions and good group control by centre and group staff/volunteers.
Falling objects.	Slight to severe injury. (Bleeds, breaks, bruising?)	All participants and instructors to wear helmets whilst in activity area. Group control, Clear communication & Group made aware of possible dangers.
Poor instruction & leadership.	Inappropriate activity, slight to severe injury, uncontrolled outcomes.	Minimum qualification requirement for instructors and on site assessment. Continuous observations by Centre management and feedback from user groups.
Equipment failure.	Slight.	Equipment checked visually and by handling on each use. Worn equipment is destroyed and replaced. Harness is fitted by an instructor. 6 monthly inspections are done two times a year, and equipment colour coded for each 6 months.
Belay Techniques.	Slight to severe injury.	The system and monitoring of belaying and the use of members of the group is evaluated on each activity and will depend upon age, appropriateness' and suitability of the group to perform this.