

BCV RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE



USE RATING: A

CLIMBING WALL - BURNSIDE

Use: A Must be operated by Baptist Camping Victoria qualified staff
 B In house training at Baptist Camping Victoria required before using this equipment
 C Safe operating procedures must be read and adhered to by all users of this equipment
 D Does not apply

Risk	Likelihood	Consequences	Initial Level of Risk	Description of risk	Risk management strategy	Revised level of risk
Spotting Climber	Possible	Major	MEDIUM	1.Climbers on descent may go fast and hit anyone standing underneath them at speed. 2. Falling debris or items from pockets.	1. Enforce Invite only zone – no one is permitted inside the danger zone unless invited 2. Use appropriate calling techniques to inform spotters when climber will descend	LOW
Ropes	Unlikely	Moderate	LOW	1.Participants may incur injury if entangled in rope whilst climbing or descending	1. Ensure ropes are not tangled prior to each climber commencing their ascent 2. Activity leader must inform participants not to grab rope whilst climbing due to risk of rope burn when descending 3. Participants must have hair tied up, no loose clothing, and no rings or jewellery which could become caught.	LOW
Blow	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Climber wanders underneath another climber on the wall and gets hit when they are descending or slip and fall.	1 Instructor needs to inform climbers to stay on their side of the wall. 2 If they are in the line of another climber, the participants need to be advised to correct their path.	LOW
Climbing	Rare	Critical	LOW	1. Participants may fall from wall if slack on rope is not tight 2. Climber may fall if belay team is not ready for climber to descend. 3. Rope may break whilst climber is ascending or descending	1.Ensure adult is at front of rope holding tight during entire ascent and descent. 2.All people holding rope must be properly instructed prior to activity commencement, and supervised by qualified Baptist Camping Victoria staff member at all times 3. Ropes must be checked every 3 months officially and visually inspected prior to each climb. 4. Any ropes in poor condition must not be used 5. All participants must be wearing appropriate footwear to prevent slipping.	LOW
Belaying	Possible	Minor	LOW	Spotters or belay team may receive rope burn whilst climber is ascending or descending	1. Slack in rope should be tight at all times to prevent sudden impact causing rope burn 2. Rope must be fed through the belay poles correctly 3. Belay team should be using appropriate technique and belay devices.	LOW

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Snake bite	Rare	Critical	LOW	1.Participants may be bitten by a snake if unaware of surroundings while moving through the course	1.Ensure participants are aware of what to do if a snake is sighted 2.Define boundaries 3.Wear closed toe footwear 4.Participants and leaders are aware of first-aid kit locations 5.Participants or leaders have suitable form of communication	LOW
Exposure to elements	Possible	Moderate	Medium	1. Participants and leaders may suffer heat stroke or sunstroke in extreme heat, especially children or elderly. 2. Risk of electrocution in lightning storms 3. Risk of hypothermia in cold conditions 4. Risk of slipping in wet conditions	1.Wear sun protection in hot weather 2.Encourage adequate water consumption. 3.Cease activity in temperatures above 34°C 4.Cease activity when thunder is audible. 5.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions 6.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions	LOW
Harness	Unlikely	Major	MEDIUM	1. Harness not put on correctly may cause internal injury on impact 2.Participant may slip out of harness if not fitted correctly 3. Damage to harness may cause weaknesses and breaks to harness.	1.Activity leader must visually check all harnesses fitting prior to climbing to ensure safety. 2. All harnesses must be industry standard and maintained appropriately by activity leader 3. No loose clothing or jewellery to be worn by participants which may become entangled in harness.	LOW
Blow	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	Participant hits head if they slip off a hold.	Participant must always wear a helmet.	LOW



RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

Baptist Camping Victoria prioritises safety for all activities and uses this Risk Matrix as a tool to assess and manage risk effectively.

		Consequence				
		Minor	Moderate	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	High	Extreme
	Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Consequence		Minor	Moderate	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Health and Safety		Injury treatable in workplace (First aid)	Minor injury requiring professional medical attention or lost time from workplace	Injury requiring hospitalisation	Major Injury requiring prolonged hospitalisation and rehabilitation.	Injury causing significant permanent disability or death
Likelihood	Definition					
Almost certain	Is expected to occur; almost inevitable					
Likely	Will occur in most circumstances; not surprising if it happens					
Possible	Possible or likely to occur in some circumstance					
Unlikely	Could occur in some circumstances; surprised if it happens					
Rare	May occur only in rare or exceptional circumstances, but would be highly unexpected					