

Activity Description & Location  
Climbing Wall – Camp Wilkin

USE RATING: B



- 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	Risk Factor	Likelihood	Consequences	Initial level of Risk	Description of risk	Risk management strategy	Revised level of risk
Spotting Climber	Injury or being crushed by climber whilst spotting	Unlikely	Major	MEDIUM	1.Climbers on descent may go fast and hit spotter at speed	1.Ensure spotters are away from where climber will descend 2.Use appropriate calling techniques to inform spotters when climber will descend	LOW
Ropes	Entanglement in rope or rope burn	Unlikely	Moderate	LOW	1.Participants may occur injury if entangled in rope whilst climbing	1.Ensure ropes are not tangled prior to each climber commencing their ascent 2.Activity leader must inform participants to not 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 may become caught	LOW
Climbing	Fall from wall	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	Rope burn from rope	Possible	Minor	LOW	1.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.Belay person at front of rope should be wearing gloves and have hands in appropriate position 3.Belay team should be using appropriate technique and belay devices	LOW
Standing under wall	Items falling from wall or climbers hitting spotters or belayer	Rare	Moderate	LOW	1.Toys from top of wall may fall on to spotters or belay team 2.Shoes or items from participants pockets may fall during climb	1.Toys at top of wall should be secured tightly 2.Toys should not be heavy or have metal/sharp bits that would cause injury if falling 3.All climbers, belayers and spotters must be wearing a helmet at all times 4.No one should walk between wall and belay beam	LOW

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						during session 5.All footwear must be secured tightly on feet during climb 6.Ensure all participants have empty pockets prior to climbing	
Exposure to elements	Exposure to heat, rain, cold, storms	Possible	Moderate	MEDIUM	1.Participants may suffer heatstroke or sunstroke in extreme heat, especially children or elderly 2.Risk of electrocution in storms 3.Risk of hypothermia in cold conditions 4.Risk of slipping in wet conditions	1.Wear sun protection in hot weather 2.Do not run activity in temperatures above 34°C 3.Do not conduct activity in storms to minimise risk of electrocution 4.Participants should wear clothing appropriate to conditions 5.Do not conduct activity if deemed unsafe due to weather conditions	LOW
Harness	Entanglement in harness or injury	Unlikely	Major	MEDIUM	1.Harness not put on correctly may cause internal injury on impact 2.Participant may slip out of harness if it is not fitting correctly 3.Damage to harness may cause weaknesses and breaks to harness	1.Activity leader must visually check all harnesses prior to climbing to ensure correct fitting 2.All harnesses must be of 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