

**Hesley Wood Activity Centre**  
**Climbing Tower Risk Assessment**

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>People at risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Review</b>
Normal hazards associated with any climbing activity (i.e. falls from height, impact with something solid)	All involved in the session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sessions to be run using conventional techniques as covered in the CWA, or higher awards</li> <li>2. Staff leading and running a session, called session leads, to have either passed Hesley Wood's in-house training and then been assessed by an approved external assessor or possess a national climbing qualification - CWA/RCI or higher qualification.</li> <li>3. Those with national climbing qualifications will need to show the relevant paperwork to the Duty Manager prior to the session. Copies of this will then be held by the centre</li> <li>4. The maximum ratio will be 1 lead instructor: 10 participants</li> <li>5. Session Lead may be assisted by other competent persons to maintain maximum involvement &amp; safety with their group of 10</li> <li>6. Helmets to be used by all participants on the wall and all spectators within the climbing compound</li> </ol>	30/11/2020
Hazards arising from the actions of 'non expert' assistants	Climbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff responsible for leading these sessions to delegate responsibility appropriately to competent persons whilst still overseeing general safety</li> </ol>	
Equipment failure	Climbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only Hesley Wood's equipment to be used on the Tower for Hesley Wood session.</li> <li>2. Hesley Wood's equipment is inspected and logged in accordance with its current inspection policy including pre-session checks</li> </ol>	
Leader bolts - Climber falling with finger in bolts.	Climbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants to be warned of danger during briefing</li> <li>2. Message to be reinforced as and when necessary</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. disorderly behaviour, overcrowding causing distractions	All involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum group size 10</li> <li>2. The Group Leader, who will know the participants, to be present during sessions</li> <li>3. If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous follow the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for Disorderly behaviour</li> </ol>	

Weather; sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather	All involved	1. Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms.	
Unauthorised climbing – usual risks associated with climbing	Intruders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climbing tower area is fenced off.</li> <li>2. Gate to be locked when tower is not in use.</li> <li>3. No unauthorized entry signs in place.</li> </ol>	