

## COVID-19 restarting face-to-face Scouts risk assessment

Name of section or activity	<b>BOULDERING</b> (Mobile Wall)	Date of risk assessment	16/08/23	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notifications
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What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Risk Level:  Low – L Medium – M High – H	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What's changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Poor quality instruction	Boulderers	M	All session leaders responsible for running sessions to have read session notes.	
Personal injury due to falling off	Boulderers and Spotters.	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boulderers instructed as to the upper height limit for their hands.</li> <li>2. Crash mats to be in place below Boulderers</li> <li>3. Upper limit switch must always be enabled</li> <li>4. Emergency pull cord installed</li> <li>5. Emergency stop button can be operated by session lead</li> </ol>	
Joint strain or damage	Boulderers	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lead instructors to ask if there are any joint/mobility problems affecting group members and then advise as to their level of participation.</li> <li>2. Boulderers to be advised to start gently and warm up on easy circuits before attempting harder problems putting extra strain on joints.</li> <li>3. Boulderers to be made aware that if they suffer any joint discomfort they need to alert the Lead Instructor who will advise accordingly.</li> </ol>	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. disorderly behaviour, not following instructions etc	Everyone involved with the session.	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group Leader in attendance.</li> <li>2. Max group size 10</li> <li>3. If the behaviour of an individual / group becomes disorderly refer to EAP Disorderly Behaviour.</li> <li>4. If overcrowding of the area is a contributory factor in any disorderly behaviour refer to EAP overcrowding.</li> </ol>	
Falling from structure	Everyone involved with the session	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All safety and fall protection barriers in place.</li> <li>2. Gate closed whilst boulderer is bouldering</li> </ol>	

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Entanglement or crushing in equipment	Everyone involved with the session.	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upper limit switch must always be enabled</li> <li>2. Emergency pull cord installed</li> <li>3. Emergency stop button can be operated by session lead</li> </ol>	
Shock / injury from electrical components	Everyone involved with the session.	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 6 monthly annual safety inspection</li> </ol>	
Injuries arising from incorrect setting up or tidying down of activity	Site staff	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Only staff familiar with the setting up and putting away of the trailer are permitted to set up or tidy down the activity.</li> </ol>	
Poor visibility leading to increase in normal level of risk	Boulderers	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flood lights to be put on when visibility is reduced.</li> <li>2. If fog becomes too thick, session to be cancelled.</li> </ol>	
Bad Weather	All	L	Session to be cancelled due to increased risk of slipping and falling off.	


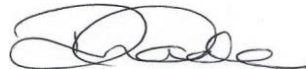
The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene – Risk of Spread	All	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hand Sanitiser</li> <li>2. Check Helmets from a distance</li> <li>3. Where a group is moving on to another activity requiring Helmets/Harnesses they will take the same equipment with them. Clean after each use.</li> </ol>	
Maintaining Social Distancing	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group Leader to manage participants who are waiting for their turn.</li> <li>2. Two metre spacing between people on wall.</li> </ol>	

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Track and Trace	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days.</li> <li>2. Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event.</li> </ol>	

<b>Checked by Line Manager</b>	Andy Moore Operations Director Date 16/08/23		<b>Checked County Executive</b>	Richard Wade County Chair Date: 16/08/23	
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