

Scouting risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	BiTs	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Vicki Gage	Risk assessment for:	Traversing Wall
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Injuries from falling	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall constructed with footholds less than 40 cm above the ground to minimise risk of falling injuries • 'Landing zone' with reasonably even surface and clear of trip/collision hazards a minimum distance of 2 metres away from the base of the wall • Holds inspected periodically (eg monthly) and suspect holds removed immediately • Loose holds tightened (care not to overtighten as hold may crack) • If using a free-standing wall - structure checked annually by competent person • Manufacturer contacted if major concern re the wall 	
Behaviour whilst on wall	Young People	Pupils briefed on appropriate use of the wall at the start of the session- be sensible, leave a gap between each other when climbing, don't stand behind someone who is climbing unless you are spotting them.	
Checking before use	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove rings or dangly jewellery • Encourage young people to spot each other • Appropriate ratio of staff to young people to allow effective supervision 	
Review: This needs to be taken out yearly, or if the need exists as a new risk occurs or the measures put in place have not been enough to stop an incident happening.			

Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date	Checked by Executive	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety