

BAC CLIMBING INSTRUCTION - RISK ASSESSMENT

Instructors must assess the Climbing Area prior to usage for new and update of identified hazards and must brief the group accordingly.

Equipment Defects - Action -All Equipment to be subject to a weekly inspection for defects and records kept of outcomes

Correct/Incorrect storage of equipment - Action - all equipment to be stored and organised as per the recommendations of the Nominated Person for Climbing and the manufacturers instructions. Records of Purchase, Usage, Life Expectancy and Technical Data must be kept. A method of identifying 'sets' of equipment must be used.

Use/Misuse of Equipment During Sessions - Action - The instructors must note equipment which has become unsafe and withdraw from use immediately. The Centre Manager must be informed ASAP and records amended accordingly. The Instructor must also record usage details of the equipment in the Centre Store at the end of the session.

Use of Vehicle - Action - Where instructors transport groups to climbing venues, the Instructor must have obtained the Local Authorities Minibus Driver Assessment Qualification. Seat belts must be used by all passengers and gangways must not be obstructed by equipment.

Accidents & Dangerous Occurrences - Action - A First Aid Kit must be carried by all instructors. Incidents must be recorded on the record sheets located in the BAC Store (Avonquay).

Call-out of Emergency Services - Action - The Instructor must be aware of the location of the nearest telephone for the venue being used.

Use of Roadside Crag - Action - The Instructor must brief the group of the dangers of road traffic and must ensure that the climbing area is defined for everyone and excludes the immediate roadside

Physical dangers including loose rock - Action - The Instructor must be satisfied that the area being used is safe from falling material and that the climbing area is understood and that the group do not go outside it.

Quality of Instructors - Action - All Instructors must hold the minimum qualification of SPSA and have been Police cleared under the Criminal Records Bureau.

Unsupervised Activity - Action - No person shall go near the climbing area without a supervising instructor.

Incapacity of Instructor/Supervision - Action - All groups must also be accompanied by a competent adult.

The Centre Manager and the Nominated Person responsible for the above activities will regularly observe instructional sessions and the venue and will consult with Instructional Staff with regard to the identified hazards and actions. There will be an annual review of this document at the end of the year with any new hazards identified for the following year.