

Kenelm Youth Trust Activity Risk Assessment – The Wall

The Wall is adjacent to the low ropes course and is a vertical wooden wall structure. The object of the challenge is to get the participants over the wall safely with assistance from members of the group.

Hazards	Who is affected	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Control Measure	Further Risk Control Measure / Actions	Residual Risk
Impact due to running into the wall.	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Harmful	Climbing helmets to be worn by all participants. Activity Leaders to check correct fitting of helmets. Safety briefing and demonstration. Activity leader monitors running speed.	Ground and weather conditions to be monitored to avoid slipping.	Low
Impact with ground due to falling from the wall. (fall from height)	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Harmful	Climbing helmets to be worn by all participants. Activity Leaders to check correct fitting of helmets. Safety briefing and demonstration. Safety brief to include the need for 3 points of contact with the wall at all times. Maximum of two participants will be standing on the ledge behind the wall to assist “climber” over the wall.	Minimum of two spotters will assist climber over the wall from the front.	Low
Impact injury due to being kicked or struck while lifting/assisting climber	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Slight Harm	Climbing helmets to be worn by all participants. Activity Leaders to check correct fitting of helmets. Safety briefing and demonstration of correct lifting technique. Clear communication and supervision of the climber as	Specific demonstration of correct lifting technique to include straight fingers, firm support of foot, straight back,	Low



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				they lift legs over the wall.	correct use of legs to support climber's weight.	
Minor injuries, cuts, grazes, splinters etc.	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Slight Harm	Climbing helmets to be worn by all participants. Activity Leaders to check correct fitting of helmets. Safety briefing and demonstration. Activity Leaders are First Aid qualified and carry a first aid /splinter removal kit.	Pre-use check of the condition of the wall to identify and rectify any damage/splinter points.	Low
Muscle pulls/strains when assisting climber over the wall	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Harmful	Full safety briefing and demonstration to cover proper stance to support weight of climber over the wall.	Stretches and warm up of participants before start of the activity.	Low



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Climatic Injury	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Likely	Harmful	Participants briefed to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.	Activity Leaders can halt the activity if weather too hot to continue. Move group to warm or shade. Water to be on hand.	Low
Slips/Trips	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Highly Likely	Harmful	Safety briefing to cover climbers 3 points of contact whilst climbing over the wall. Pre use check of the wall and specifically the foot ledge behind the wall.	Ground and weather conditions to be monitored to avoid slipping.	Low
Wall/structure Integrity	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers, Inspector	Likely	Harmful	Regular inspections by Activities Manager.		Low
Snow Ice Frozen wall	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Highly Likely in Winter months	Harmful	Activity not to be used in icy conditions/dynamic risk assessment of conditions.		Low
Lightning Strike	Participants, Staff, Visiting Teachers	Highly Unlikely	Harmful/Fatal	Use "flash to bang principle" https://www.rospsa.com/leisure-safety/advice/lightning.aspx	The Wall is not to be used during lightning storm.	High





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- 1 signed off activity leader to 16 participants.

Risk assessment conducted by:	Signature:	Date:	Approved by:	Signature:	Next scheduled review date:
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