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## **Risk Assessment: Tower (Climbing and Bouldering)**

Reviewed: August 2021 Next Review Date: August 2022 Assessment undertaken by: Chris Martlew, Chief Instructor

## L = LOW M = MEDIUM H = HIGH

| Hazards                   | Effects  | Who might   | Risk       |             | Methods to Avoid/Reduce   |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-------------|---|
|                           |  | be effected |            |             | Risk  |
| Tower                     |  |             | Likelihood | Consequence | Tower   |
| Tripping/slipping/falling | Bruising/grazing, falling,<br>and rope burn    | Individual  | M          | L           | Clear safety briefing given<br>by instructor<br>Wearing long sleeves and<br>trousers will reduce the risk<br>of cuts and scrapes<br>Helmets must be worn at all<br>times while on the black<br>matting and whilst using the<br>wall<br>All climbers to wear a<br>harness and be attached to<br>a safety rope that is<br>controlled or supervised by<br>an instructor<br>Climbing area to be kept<br>clean and clear at all times.<br>No running allowed in the<br>climbing compound<br>When bouldering all<br>climbers are to have a<br>spotter at all times until<br>they reach the floor again. |
| Insect bites              | Stings, allergic reactions, anaphylactic shock | Individual  | L          | L/M/H       | Have any personal medication available  |
| Equipment Failure         | Falling, death,<br>serious/minor injury        | All         | L          | Н           | Pre-use equipment checks<br>carried out<br>Equipment fitting supervised<br>and checked by lead<br>instructor<br>Unserviceable equipment<br>removed from use and the<br>senior instructor informed.<br>Equipment regularly<br>checked and replaced<br>where necessary  |

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| Tower                           |   |                          | Likelihood | Consequence                        | Tower  |
| Damaged/Unsuitable<br>equipment | Death,<br>serious/minor<br>injuries   | All                      | L          | н                                  | Pre-use equipment<br>checks to be<br>carried out<br>Equipment fitting<br>supervised and<br>checked by<br>instructors |
| Weather                         | Increased in slip,<br>trip hazard.<br>Lightening hazard                                 | All                      | н          | L                                  | Clean black<br>matting and bolt-<br>ons.<br>Session to be<br>discontinued in<br>bad weather                          |
| Animal droppings                | Danger of<br>droppings being<br>blown off tower<br>onto participants<br>Illness disease | Individual               | L          | м                                  | Wash hands after<br>activity if required<br>Clean tower and<br>bolt-ons prior to<br>session if needed                |