

## Adventures Unlimited Scotland CIC: Risk Assessment

Activity	Location	Nature of Group	Undertaken by	Date
Climbing	Any single pitch location	Disabled/Able bodied young people	S.Sims	March 2013

Hazard: What could go wrong?	Who to?	Control: What can be done about it?	System: How do you make sure that the control happens?
Approach to crag – danger from any road traffic, rough ground, tree roots/rocks etc, sudden drops, other climbers, falling rock	All taking part	Group safety briefing before leaving minibus. Issue climbing helmets before commencing walk in – helmets to be worn not carried. Ensure adequate guiding for partially sighted/blind pupils. Keep group under control; do not allow pupils to run on ahead.	Staff training Safety Briefing Assign lead/backmarker adult for walk-in
Base of crag – danger from falling rock, equipment	All taking part	Safety helmets to be worn by everyone at all times. Pupils to remain in safe location when not climbing, adequately supervised Ensure pupils are actively involved in activity for maximum time	Safety briefing Staff training Assign adult responsible for control at base of crag
Broken glass/used syringes/dog excrement etc	All taking part	Group briefing Check area before activity begins, especially where pupils will be sitting around First Aid carried Warn pupils to wash hands before eating	Avoid areas where this is a major hazard Staff training Water and soap carried in minibus
Correct fastening of harnesses/safety lines	Climber	Competent adult to supervise, appropriate means of attachment , ie bowline, fig of 8 knot. Correct use of climbing calls.	Appropriately trained instructor/assistant Briefing of climbers System in place to check knots etc.

Belay point failure	Climber/Belayer	Appropriate selection of belay points, minimum 3 points of attachment.	Appropriately trained instructor/assistant
Entrapment of rings/fingers/hair clothing etc in climbing equipment.	Climber/Belayer	Check system in place for loose items before climbing. Group briefing. Knife/prussic loops etc available	Group briefing, check system in place. Instructor training
Cragfast climber	Climber	Appropriate choice of climb to suit experience/ability of climbers. Ability to lower off if possible. Competent assistant able to safely climb up to give assistance.	Group briefing, instructor/assistant training. Appropriate equipment available to perform rescue if required.
Weather	All taking part	Appropriate planning/reference to weather forecast. Location of crags, ability to withdraw to place of safety easily. Adequate clothing available to all participants. Guard against sunburn/heat stroke as appropriate.	Check group has adequate clothing for conditions before starting walk in. Escape routes planned, safety equipment/shelters/first aid, food and drink, sun screen provided. Means to summon assistance available.
		Date of review:26/04/15	Reviewed by: S.Sims

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