

## Risk assessment – Lead climbing indoors

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<b>Overview of activity</b>					
<b>What are the hazards?</b>	<b>Who might be harmed?</b>	<b>What are you already doing to control the risk?</b>	<b>What further action do you need to take to control the risks?</b>	<b>Who needs to carry out the action?</b>	<b>When is the action needed by?</b>
Falling when leading	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose sensible routes according to students ability</li> <li>Make sure that students clip as soon as possible and that they understand what happens if they pull lots of rope through but fail to clip.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Students	Throughout the activity
Incorrect clipping of quick drawers or final lower off point.	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to be spent demonstrating and letting students practice how to clip karabiners.</li> <li>Demonstration of what can go wrong</li> <li>Only let those students who have a good understanding of technique lead.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Students	Throughout the activity
Holds moving at the climbing wall	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warn students that this can happen</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Student	Throughout the activity
Other users	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure that all students understand the rules for the venue.</li> <li>Highlight the need to watch what other climbers are doing and not get in the way of possible injury if someone falls.</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Students	Throughout the activity
Lack of experience with belaying a lead climber	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thorough briefing and practice using top roping</li> <li>Thorough briefing and demonstration for lead climbing how tight the rope should be etc.</li> <li>Supervision at all times until instructor is happy that the student could or had held a lead fall and understands the dynamic nature of the situation</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Student	Throughout the activity
Pulled muscles and injury	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure students warm up before each climb</li> <li>Make sure they climb with in there grade for a while before trying harder climbs to help their bodies get used to the activity</li> </ul>	n/a	Staff Student	Throughout the activity