Geckos Climbing Ltd

Risk Assessment

This risk assessment has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the health & Safety at Work Regulations 1992 and the guidance issued by the Health & Safety Executive with that legislation.

Throughout this document, the terms hazard and risk are referred to. For the sake of clarity these two terms are defined as follows:

Hazard: Something with a potential to cause harm.

Risk: The likelihood that a particular harm may arise from a hazard and the severity of the potential harm

Risk can be defined as the likelihood of an event occurring and the potential severity of the outcome of the event, thus:

Risk = Likelihood x Severity

Likelihood	1	Extremely unlikely to occur
	2	May occur but very unlikely
	3	Could occur occasionally
	4	Could occur often
	5	Occurs regularly

Severity	1	Minor inconvenience
	2	First Aid required
	3	Medical attention required
	4	Major injury
	5	Fatality or serious injury leading to disability

This risk assessment only covers risks associated with the instruction of children itself. For all risks relating to in-situ equipment at The Castle Climbing Centre, please consult the Centre's risk assessment.

HAZARD	WHO AFFECTED	RISK FACTOR	PROCEDURE
Student falling while bouldering	Student	3x3=9	Instructors give students a short safety briefing before allowing them to boulder
Student being fallen onto	Student	1x3=3	Instructors brief students to be aware of other climbers and young children must be kept together at all times
Student falling whilst roped climbing	Student / Instructor	1x5=5	Instructors all have the nationally recognised Climbing Wall Instructor award or higher
Student climbing unsupervised or going missing	Student	1x5=5	Groups to be kept together at all times. Where appropriate parents / visiting staff can be used for 'ground' supervision
Student accuses instructor of sexual interference	Student / Instructor	1x3=3	Instructors assessed and references a obtained. Instructors are aware of caution to be taken when fitting harnesses to young students
Student / Instructor being hit by falling equipment.	Student / Instructor	1x4=4	Group kept at a safe distance whilst kitting up. Students to remove items from pockets
Student Injured due to being lowered too quickly	Student	1x3=3	All novice climbers should be backed up at all times
Climbers lowering off on autobelays landing on other participants or instructors	Students / Instructors	1x2=2	All participants receive safety brief before using auto belays. Constant monitoring of area around auto belays by supervising instructor(s)
Climbers lowering off on autobelays landing on non-climbing spectators	Spectators	1x2=2	Instructors monitor the area around the autobelays. Spectators to remain clear of autobelay climbing areas
Climber becoming stuck	Student	2x2=4	If possible, instructor to talk down climber. If not, remain with group and call Duty Manager for assistance and/or rescue

Climber setting off with incorrectly fitted harness or incorrectly attached to autobelay/rope	Student	1x5=5	Instructors to ensure every climber is properly checked before leaving the ground on each climb