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| <b>Location:</b> | Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre | <b>Date of Assessment:</b>          | 10/7/2012 | <b>Last Reviewed:</b> | Dec 22 | <b>Name of Assessor:</b>      | Chris Murnin  |
| <b>Activity:</b> | Bouldering Wall                   | <b>Assessment Reference Number:</b> | 4.34      |                       | DR     | <b>Signature of Assessor:</b> |  |

| <b>HAZARD</b>                               | <b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>  |
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| Falling from height                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants briefed to only use hand holds to hold on to – NOT the top of the wall.</li> <li>▪ ‘Landing zone’ with reasonably even surface and clear of trip / collision hazards a minimum distance of 2 metres away from the base of the wall.</li> <li>▪ Holds inspected periodically (quarterly) and suspect holds removed immediately.</li> <li>▪ Loose holds tightened (care not to overtighten as hold may crack).</li> <li>▪ Structure checked annually by a competent person.</li> <li>▪ Manufacturer contacted if major concern about the wall.</li> <li>▪ Staff supervision and reinforcement throughout.</li> </ul> |
| Inappropriate participant behaviour         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants briefed on appropriate use of the wall - be sensible, leave a gap between each other when climbing, don't stand behind someone who is climbing unless you are spotting them.</li> <li>▪ Supervisor positioned within eyesight of the participants ready to intervene if participant behaviour requires it.</li> </ul>  |
| Hitting head or danger from falling objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No bouldering participants allowed inside the wooden fenced area.</li> <li>▪ Staff supervision and reinforcement throughout.</li> </ul>   |
| Structure Failure                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weekly and quarterly checks to be completed by a suitable LOPC instructor.</li> <li>▪ If there is any suspicion regarding the structural integrity or there is observation of damage then an inspection by an approved member of staff must happen before any further use.</li> </ul>   |
| Equipment failure                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All equipment checked prior to use. Any equipment found to be damaged or suspect to be withdrawn from use until repaired or scrapped.</li> <li>▪ All equipment to be used in line with training and assessment.</li> <li>▪ All equipment to conform to relevant standards (UIAA or CE).</li> <li>▪ Regular checks, replacement (as per replacement schedule) and maintenance of equipment to be carried out. 6 monthly PPE checks must be recorded.</li> <li>▪ Fixed equipment to be checked and maintained as per manufacturer's recommendations.</li> </ul>   |
| Injuries during activity                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Warm up at the start of the session.</li> <li>▪ Remove rings or dangly jewellery.</li> <li>▪ Encourage young people to spot each other.</li> <li>▪ Appropriate ratio of staff to young people to allow effective supervision.</li> </ul>  |



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|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants to be made aware of hazards and staff to monitor activity</li> <li>▪ Staff supervision and reinforcement throughout.</li> <li>▪ It may be preferable not to wear harnesses if bouldering for a long time.</li> <li>▪ Helmets may be worn at the discretion of the supervisor.</li> </ul>   |
| Further risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participant's condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved.</li> <li>▪ Some risks remain due to the nature of the activity but every care must be taken to minimise these.</li> </ul> |

