Lindley Educational Trust Hollowford Centre	**Risk Assessment** **Rock Climbing** **Inc. Abseiling, 'weaselling', scrambling and bouldering, climbing wall, peg wall**	Current as of January 2026 By Paul Booker Review date by 31 January 2027

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HAZARD	RISK	CONTROL MEASURE	FURTHER ACTION REQURED	RESPONSIBILITY / DUE & COMPLETED DATES
Minibus Travel	Various Injuries	Separate Risk Assessment	No further action at this stage	
General	Various injuries	Code of Practice applies Suitably qualified & experienced instructor (includes First Aid) Clear briefings & supervision All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded and appropriate action undertaken as required. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. Seek & share information with similar providers	No further action at this stage	
For every session there will be a dynamic risk assessment on arrival and will be on going throughout the activity session				
Extreme Weather	Sunburn Hypothermia Hyperthermia Death	Instructor to check weather forecast prior to activity & observe conditions throughout. If necessary, change plans, amend route & move to safety. Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing plus access to warm (or cold) drinks as appropriate Remind visiting staff & young people about sun protection.	No further action at this stage	
Equipment Failure	Various injuries	All equipment checked prior to use. Regular checks, maintenance & renewal schedule All equipment to correspond to required standards Personal protective equipment checked for correct fitting & monitored throughout activity by the instructor	No further action at this stage	
Fall from height	Serious Injury	Participants to be supervised at top of crag Effective group management particularly of descent routes Clearly defined heights & correct 'spotting' technique if unroped Briefing and supervision Instructor must give consideration to own safety during setting up	No further action at this stage	
Falling Objects	Serious Injury	Helmets worn on, below and close to activity site Suitable venue choice Briefing and supervision	No further action at this stage	

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Belayer Error	Serious injury Death	Qualified instructor Briefing & supervision Abseiling to have independently controlled safety system Peer belaying – not normally reliant on a single person	No further action at this stage	
Entrapment (venue) eg; between rocks	Various injuries	Suitable venue choice Qualified & experienced instructor Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing	No further action at this stage	
Entrapment (equipment)	Various injuries	Briefing – correct technique, loose hair & clothing to be tied back Releasable abseil system	No further action at this stage	
Members of the public	Various	Venue choice Qualified and experienced instructor	No further action at this stage	
Participants	Various	Participants asked to share relevant previous and existing medical issues. Visiting group leaders asked if any other issues (eg; behavioural) Staff ratios (group size) amended as required	No further action at this stage	