

Climbing Safety Code



RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIMBERS

All open climbing times are unsupervised.

All users must accept full personal responsibility for climbing within the limits of their own capabilities and knowledge.

GENERAL

- Check-in is at office opposite the Outdoor Centre rental shop.
- Access to the climbing wall is on the basement level (KNB80).
- The steel ladders may be used only in an emergency.
- No bouldering is permitted on the climbing wall.
- Personal climbing equipment must be in good condition and meet current UIAA standards.
- The use of traditionally placed gear is restricted to instructional programs only.
- Instruction of belay and technical skills by non-staff is prohibited. Climbing wall users are highly encouraged to seek qualified instruction to learn any new skills.
- Please keep your shoes and shirts on.
- Any injuries, incidents, or equipment issues must be reported to the climbing office staff immediately.
- The Outdoor Centre is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- All non-climbing visitors must check in with the climbing office staff.

CLIMBING ROOM

- The climbing room (KNB80) is the main access point and emergency exit for the main floor of the climbing gym.
- Access cards are the responsibility of the user and must be returned after use. Lost or damaged cards are subject to a replacement fee.
- Keep hallway door shut at all times.
- There must be a clear path between doorways at all times.
- The upper deck is a restricted zone for staff only.

TOP ROPE CLIMBING

- All users must have passed a belay test.
- Users are responsible for continuing to perform belay skills at the standard to which they were tested.
- All users must ensure the area is clear to climb and belay.
- To avoid the possibility of serious injury, do not top rope beside a lead climber.

AUTO-BELAY

- All users must complete the auto-belay orientation prior to use, and are responsible for continuing to use the auto-belay at the standard to which they were tested.
- All users must ensure the area is clear to climb prior to use.

LEAD CLIMBING

- All users must have passed a lead belay test.
- It is the climber's responsibility to ensure they have sought qualified instruction before attempting lead and other advanced climbing techniques.
- All users must ensure the area is clear to climb and belay.
- Do not lead climb beside another climber, one panel must be left on either side.
- Lead climbing is only permitted on routes with fixed quickdraws.
- Lead climbers must leave ropes through the anchor, if climbers are unable to complete the route alert a staff member.
- All rope must be unclipped from quickdraws for top rope.

YOUTH CLIMBING

- Anyone 17 and younger must use a mechanical assisted breaking device.
- 4-6 years: A parent or legal guardian must sign a child informed consent form and the child must be directly supervised at all times while climbing by an adult with a current climbing waiver and belay test. The use of a body harness is encouraged for youth 6 and younger.
- 7-13 years: Youth 7 and older are permitted to belay another youth climber. A parent or legal guardian must sign a child informed consent form and the child must be directly supervised at all times while climbing and belaying by an adult with a current climbing waiver and belay test.
- 14-17 years: Youth 14-17 are permitted to use the climbing room without adult supervision after successfully completing the orientation and belay test. A parent or legal guardian must sign a child informed consent form and be present while the youth completes the orientation and belay test. Lead climbing and belaying is permitted for youth who pass the lead test and must be directly supervised at all times while climbing and belaying by an adult with a current climbing waiver and lead belay test.

The Outdoor Centre reserves the right to require users to re-take the belay test, or suspend or remove access to the facility if a user is observed violating any of these safety standards or behaving in a way that puts themselves and/or others at risk of injury.

Bouldering Safety Code

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIMBERS

All open climbing times are unsupervised.

All users must accept full personal responsibility to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves from injury and not endanger other climbers and passersby while using the wall.

**ALL USERS MUST HAVE AND DISPLAY
THE APPROPRIATE WRISTBAND**

GENERAL

- The bouldering fall zone includes all padded floor spaces outside of the marked sitting/observation area. This area must be kept clear at all times.
- No food or drinks are permitted on the bouldering mats.
- Do not move any mats.
- Please keep your shoes and shirts on.
- Climbing with bare feet or socks is prohibited. Clean closed toe shoes must be worn.
- Do not move, rotate, or remove holds. Please inform climbing office staff of any spinners or other wall concerns.
- Bouldering wall users are highly encouraged to seek qualified instruction to learn any new skills.
- Any injuries, incidents, or equipment issues must be reported to the climbing office staff immediately.
- The Outdoor Centre is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- All non-climbing visitors must check in with the climbing office staff.

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY

- All climbers are highly encouraged to have a spotter and practice safe falling techniques.
- Down-climb to get off the wall. Do not jump.
- Do not climb over or under another climber.
- Keep all personal belongings off the mats.

YOUTH BOULDERING

- Use of the wall for youth under the age of 7 is prohibited excluding instructional courses.
- Youth under the age of 14 must be directly supervised at all times by a responsible adult who is within arms reach at all time.
- Youth 14-17 are permitted to use the bouldering wall without adult supervision.

The Outdoor Centre reserves the right to remove access to the facility if a user is observed violating any of these safety standards or behaving in a way that puts themselves and/or others at risk of injury.