

# Butchers Coppice Risk Assessment Document

## Auto Belay Climbing, the Climbing Complex

### FIRE

In the event of a fire you should raise the alarm, get out, stay out and call the fire brigade.  
Please ensure all of your group are aware of the fire evacuation procedures.  
The fire assembly point for the whole site is at the flagpole in the centre of the field.  
Only use fire fighting equipment to aid your escape - do not attempt to extinguish the fire.

### FIRST AID

Each group is responsible for making their own first aid arrangements - appointing someone to co-ordinate first aid and holding an appropriate first aid kit.  
A first aid kit is available in the site office during office hours and site instructors usually carry activity first aid kits.  
All incidents which specifically relate to the campsite must be reported to site staff at the earliest opportunity.

### GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Please familiarise yourself with the content of our information leaflet 'essential information during your stay', which is available from the site office.  
Ensure your group are aware of the 'rules for kids' and 'rules for adults', which can be found in this leaflet.  
Any person found to be in contravention of site rules or causing a nuisance or danger to other visitors will be asked to leave immediately.

### OUR POLICY

Our Child Protection Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy and Health & Safety Policy can be downloaded from our website.

### KEY TO RISK RATINGS

IMPACT: 1 - LOW/MINOR, 2 - MEDIUM, 3 - HIGH/EXTREME  
LIKELIHOOD: 1 - UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN, 2 - COULD HAPPEN, 3 - LIKELY TO HAPPEN

RISK:

1-2	LOW
3-5	MEDIUM
6-9	HIGH

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RISK ASSESSMENT REFERENCE: RA/Act/Auto Belay Climbing  
 MOST RECENT REVIEW: 19-Feb-22  
 MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIRED: 1 Instructor and 1 other adult (to be supplied by the participating group)  
 QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Butchers Coppice Auto Belay Climbing Authorisation  
 MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 15  
 PREPARED/REVIEWED BY: Charlie Pike, District Operations Team

ACTIVITY	HAZARD WHO IS AFFECTED	CONTROL MEASURES	RISK AFTER CONTROL MEASURES IMPACT x LIKELIHOOD = RISK	MONITORED BY
<b>AUTO BELAY CLIMBING</b>	<b>FALLING FROM HEIGHT DUE TO INCORRECT USE OF EQUIPMENT</b> participants	regularly inspected correctly fitting equipment is used - all instructors trained on the use of the belay system - auto belays inspected in accordance with manufacturers instructions - instructors to carry out pre-use checks	3 x 1 = 3 <b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>AUTO BELAY FAILURE</b> participants	system checked before use - weight restrictions in place in accordance with the manufacturers instructions - staff trained in safety checks and safe use of the system	3 x 1 = 3 <b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	site staff
	<b>ABRASIONS/MINOR INJURY</b> participants, instructors and inspectors	instructors check for loose jewellery and ensure long hair is tied back - safety briefing given before the activity commences - safety matting extending 2.4m from the climbing wall	2 x 1 = 2 <b>LOW RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>EQUIPMENT FAILURE</b> participants, instructors and inspectors	all equipment complies with the relevant industry standards and carries the relevant CE marks - equipment use is logged and equipment is checked for damage and destroyed if suspicious - equipment is inspected in accordance with manufacturers recommendations	3 x 1 = 3 <b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>IMPACT FROM FALLING DEBRIS</b> all persons entering the climbing area	no persons allowed inside or on top of the tower whilst the auto belay wall is in use - participants told to empty pockets prior to commencing the activity - spectators to remain in the waiting area behind the barrier	2 x 1 = 2 <b>LOW RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>ADVERSE WEATHER</b> instructors, inspectors and participants	weather reports monitored - activity stopped in severe weather conditions - inspections and maintenance not to take place in severe weather conditions	3 x 1 = 3 <b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	instructors and site staff

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<b>AUTO BELAY CLIMBING</b> (continued)	<b>HORSEPLAY</b> participants	participants are monitored by instructors and the supervising adult (provided by the group) - unruly participants are immediately asked to leave the climbing area	2 x 1 = 2 <b>LOW RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>INJURY DURING DESCENT</b> participants	the auto belay system will prevent fall - continuous safety matting of at least 25mm foam or rubber is provided - each auto belay to be primed before opening - climbers briefed not to push off more than 1m	1 x 2 = 2 <b>LOW RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>TRIPPING</b> All persons entering the climbing area	instructors check for correctly fitting suitable footwear - safety briefing given to anyone entering the climbing area to include warning about ground anchors - site to be kept tidy and clear of clutter	2 x 1 = 2 <b>LOW RISK</b>	instructors and site staff
	<b>UNSUPERVISED USE</b> all persons entering or using the climbing complex without proper supervision	area fenced and locked while not in use - warning signs provided - auto belays are left fully recoiled when not in use	3 x 1 = 3 <b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	instructors and site staff