Activity: (Describe the activity: What is happening)	Indoor Climbing		
Location(s):	Foss Climbing Wall, York St John University Main Campus		
Who may be exposed:	Club Members		
Responsible Person:	Committee Members		
Assessors name:	Mischa-Louise Gibbons	Committee position:	Health & Safety
Assessors signature:	M.Gibbons	Date of assessment	17/06/2019
Related Documents:	 BMC Participation Statement Belay Sign Off Documents 	Review date:	
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02.	Tripping/ falling over equipment.	 Ensure everyone is conscious of their surroundings by making people aware of mats, benches and the wall when we are running sessions. Don't leave equipment lying around on the ground. 	Med ium	 Make sure all personal equipment is stored/ put away correctly using the designated areas provided. Draw attention to any hazards. 	Low	17/06/2019
03.	Equipment failure.	 Regularly check equipment is safe and recorded on the 'Kit Check' spreadsheets held by club every six months minimum. Make members aware of safe equipment use not to damage equipment. Remind all members to report concerns/ damaged kit to a member of the committee for further investigation. 	Low	 Make sure all club kit is stored away correctly and used in the right manner. Remove damaged and decommissioned kit from club use and destroy as necessary. 	Low	17/06/2019
04.	Dehydration.	 Remind members to regularly take breaks from climbing to eat and drink. 	Low	 Ensure that everyone has access to a drink or knows where the nearest water fountain is. 	Low	17/06/2019
05.	Slipping over (due to lack of friction ie. water on the floor).	 Remind people to take notice of the safe footwear posters on the doors to Foss Sports Hall. Wear suitable footwear. 	Low	 Remind people to be conscientious of water and spillages. Clean up spillages as soon as they're noticed. 	Low	17/06/2019

06.	Freezing on the wall.	 Remind members to double check each others knots and belay devices before climbing to improve confidence in the system. If new to climbing then only encourage the member to climb half way up the wall before lowering off, this increases confidence and experience. 	Med ium	 Only run sessions if two members are signed off as "Site Specific" with the correct training, as then they will be able to perform a 'rescue' off the wall if needed safely and confidently. Ensure new climbers are aware of the 'BMC Participation Statement' and are aware of the situation they are putting themselves into. 	Low	17/06/2019
07.	Falling from the wall/ swinging or inverting.	 Remind members to double check each others knots and belay devices before climbing. Only use a figure of 8 knot through the harness to improve stability and avoid inverting. Don't give too much slack to the person climbing. Encourage communication between the climber and the belayer at all times. 	Med ium	 Remind people that holds may spin (see official BMC signs on Foss Climbing Wall). Discourage members from actively inverting on the ropes and discipline them if they do so recurrently. 	Low	17/06/2019
08.	Entanglement.	 Inform people about the dangers of entanglement of hair and jewellery when climbing. 	Med ium	 Tell everyone with long hair to tie it back and to remove jewellery that may become entangled on a hold or in the rope. 	Low	17/06/2019

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(Describe the activity:							
What is happening)							
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Who may be exposed:	Club Members						
Responsible Person:	Committee Members	Committee Members					
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05.	Slipping over (due to lack of friction ie. damp weather conditions.	 Make sure that everyone wears appropriate approach shoes/ walking boots when getting to crag areas. Don't climb after heavy rainfall. 	Low	 Take note of weather reports which will suggest frozen/ waterlogged ground conditions. Print/ screenshot weather forecasts for throughout the day. 	Low	23/06/2019

06.	Falling from the wall/ swinging or inverting.	 Remind members to double check each others knots and belay devices before climbing. Only use a figure of 8 knot through the harness to improve stability and avoid inverting. Don't give too much slack to the person climbing. Encourage communication between the climber and the belayer at all times. 	Med ium	 Remind people that rocks may fall or slip. Discourage members from actively inverting on the ropes and discipline them if they do so recurrently. Ensure members operate within their ability and know how to remain safe when trying new climbs. 	Low	23/06/2019
07.	Falling rocks/ debris.	 When top roping, trad or sport climbing all members must wear a helmet. Warn members that some areas of the rock may be loose. 	Med ium	 Ensure members pockets are empty before starting a climb Remind members to be aware of other climbers Climbers must be aware to shout 'BELOW' if rocks break to warn others 	Low	23/06/2019
08.	Panic attack/ refusal.	 Ensure activities are taken at a pace that is suitable for all members and includes breaks. Any walk or approach into the crag/ climbing venue must be well within the ability of the group and the equipment carried by the group. 	Med ium	 Ensure a first aider is on the excursion. Ensure a Mountaineering first aid kit is taken on the trip and that all members are aware of its location. Ensure the activities are planned and carried out by experienced members. Ensure good communication is shown verbally and through actions. 	Low	23/06/2019

				 Assess how well and comfortable the climber does on their first grade, advise against them trying harder stuff if more confidence is needed to be built. If it is the members first time, ask them to go half way up the route and come back down before they commit to going all the way to the top Ensure relevant committee members are aware of members personal health conditions. 		
09.	Falling off rocks.	 Ensure members are aware of any risks that cannot be removed/reduced. Ensure all members are wearing helmets for top roping and climbing. Ensure all members have read the BMC Participation Statement before they start the activity. 	Hig h	 Ensure activities are taken at a pace that is suitable for all members and includes breaks. Ensure the activities are planned and carried out by experienced members. Ensure there is bouldering mats underneath the climbers 	Med ium	23/06/2019

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	and that they are placed	
	appropriately.	
	Ensure there are spotters	
	to catch falling climbers	
	when bouldering.	
	Remind members to be	
	aware of other climbers.	
	Check gear regularly to	
	ensure it is still in place/	
	safe.	
	Make sure all members	
	know how to 'top out' a	
	climb.	
	 Use points grading 	
	system to evaluate gear	
	if needed to ensure its	
	quality.	
	Ensure all equipment is	
	placed by someone with	
	experience in gear	
	placing.	
	Ensure only members	
	who have been signed	
	off to belay are belaying.	
	Have a second	
	experienced member	
	inspect gear before	
	activity takes place.	
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				and that action is taken if not.		
10.	Equipment (entanglement in ropes).	 Ensure all members have the appropriate equipment for each activity. Ensure activities are planned and carried out by experienced members. 	Med ium	 Ensure members are aware and checked for the risk of entanglement before they start the activity (e.g. hair/ jewellery/clothing/ropes). Ensure equipment is placed correctly such as bouldering mats and ropes. Check gear regularly to ensure it is still in place/ safe. 	Low	23/06/2019
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13.	Extreme weather.	 Print off the forecast for the day and discuss any potential problems this may cause. Discuss group kit and ensure all know where it is and how to use it. 	Med ium	 Always call off an event if the weather changes. Ensure all members are prepared for all weather conditions. 	Low	23/06/2019

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Responsible Person:	YSJ Mountaineering Committee Members		
Assessors name:	Mischa-Louise Gibbons	Committee position:	Health & Safety
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06.	Extreme weather conditions	 Post forecast to the group of people participating in the activity so they can prepare for any extreme weather (eg. unexpected snow during a rainstorm). Discuss potential risks with members before departure so everyone is aware of the risks and what to do in an emergency. 	Med ium	 Print out/ download weather forecasts and distribute these among the group so multiple people have a record of any predicted weather changes. Adapt plans according to the forecast and cancel if needed. 	Low	23/06/201 9
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