

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Bouldering Braggerswood Campsite	Date of risk assessment	17 April 2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Juliet Gregson
		Date of next review	17 April 2027		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
TSA rules		<p>The activity must be run following all POR rules and TSA guidance. In particular, but not exclusively:</p> <p>A leader-in-charge must be assigned. They must ensure all people are briefed on the risk assessment and safety measures. They must do dynamic risk assessments throughout the activity.</p> <p>A first aider, trained to First Response level should be in attendance and the location of a first aid kit known.</p> <p>All faulty equipment, near misses, accidents and incidents must be reported to the Camp Warden without delay.</p> <p>Any Braggers Wood committee member or any senior member of Christchurch District may stop the activity or the use of the range if they deem it unsafe and their decision is final.</p>	
Risk of injury from falling off the wall	All	<p>The wall may NOT be used without adult supervision and a booking.</p> <p>This area must only have 12 participants per group.</p> <p>The area that could be fallen on should be kept clear of all kit or any obstruction which would cause injury if fallen on.</p> <p>All people must wear suitable footwear that allows their feet flexibility to grip the foot holds.</p> <p>All climbers to be briefed that some holds are purposefully looser than others to make it more authentic and to check their hold before transferring their weight onto all holds.</p> <p>All climbers and waiting participants to be briefed on sensible, supportive behaviour to allow everyone to enjoy the activity safely.</p> <p>The leader-in-charge to supervise the allocation and actions of the spotters.</p> <p>All climbers to have a spotter – a capable person behind them to help and break their fall.</p> <p>Avoid overcrowding on the wall by supervising climbers and their progress relative to each other.</p> <p>All climbers to work in the same direction, getting on by the entrance and working clockwise.</p>	
Risk of injury from getting stuck on the wall	All	<p>Adults to instruct climbers to get off the wall before it is beyond their capability (the wall is increasingly difficult as it goes clockwise).</p> <p>Leader-in-charge should instruct adults to assist the climber off the wall if they become stuck.</p>	
Risk of injury to waiting participants	All	<p>Any participants waiting should be kept out of the way of climbers and where they could fall, and be supervised by an adult.</p>	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.