

## 12 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT - ACTIVITY LED BY SCHOOL – ROCK CLIMBING

**Leader competence must be approved by LEA Outdoor Education Adviser (OEA). In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience leader must hold a Site Specific approval (for some artificial walls only), Single Pitch Award (SPA), Mountain Instructors Award (MIA), Mountain Instructors Certificate (MIC) or UIAGM Guide certificate.**

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Avoidable objective dangers/unsuitable location for ability of group	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location is specifically assessed by leader. If completed by SPA, assessment approved by MIA technical adviser</li> </ul>	Written site specific risk assessment and/or operating procedures	<b>Low</b>	
Equipment failure, inappropriate use of equipment	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified supervision as above</li> <li>Instruction/monitoring of use of equipment</li> <li>Equipment regularly checked and maintained according to BMC/UIAA recommendations</li> </ul>		<b>Low</b>	
Fall from height, objects falling from above, trips and slips at foot of face	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff, other people at venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified supervision as above, instructors working within remit of qualification</li> <li>Group size and ratios suitable (single pitch usually up to 12 students plus extra adult)</li> <li>Appropriate specialist climbing equipment used (ropes, helmets, harnesses etc)</li> <li>Proper briefing of pupils, behaviour monitored and managed appropriately, vigilance of all staff during activity</li> <li>Helmets worn whilst at base of rock face</li> </ul>		<b>Low</b>	
Exposure to environmental factors - heat, cold, rain, wind	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate protective clothing and equipment</li> <li>Check weather forecast</li> <li>Ability to change plans if weather inappropriate</li> </ul>	Kit list to parents; kit checked before departure	<b>Low</b>	
Illness or injury	Disabling or fatal injury or illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group leader first aid trained</li> <li>Information about existing medical conditions known by staff</li> <li>Accident/emergency procedures known by leaders</li> <li>First aid equipment carried by party</li> </ul>		<b>Low</b>	

*This generic risk assessment for school use identifies the common hazards and control measures associated with this type of visit or activity. Before undertaking the activity, the **GROUP LEADER** must also make an “**EVENT-SPECIFIC**” assessment of any risks associated with their particular visit, including the **SITE, GROUP, ACTIVITIES, STAFFING & TRAVEL**.*

LOCATION OF VISIT:

DATE(S):

ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT BY: NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE: