



Risk assessment form (H&S)

Name of assessor(s)	Tom Darlington Pete Goldsmith	Group / Establishment:	SORLS / SSE
Date	27.01.2017		

What is the workplace / activity / equipment / conditions (delete as appropriate) being assessed:	How was the assessment done? e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives?	Next review date:
		January 2018
Offsite climbing at Sandford Quarry Sandford Quarry ST 42160 59014 Quarry Gates ST 42074 58934 Quarry Road BS25 5RN	Completed by the Charterhouse Centre Manager in consultation with Pete Goldsmith, our Technical Advisor	Mobile reception / nearest landline
		Varied

Who could be harmed, and how?	What is already being done to control the risks?	*Risk Rating Severity x Likelihood			What further action is recommended to reduce risks further?	Action by whom?	Date action due	Date action done
		S	L	S x L				
All participants – slips, trips & falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Potential hazards pointed out in advance Vigilance of instructors in watching out for hazards or hazardous behaviour Participants to wear suitable footwear Instructor to adopt a position of greatest use (POGU) strategy in high risk areas Utilise visiting staff to maintain high standards of group control 	3	2	6				

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All participants – fearful participant, freezing whilst climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety briefing for all & continuous monitoring throughout session Encouragement & guidance provided throughout activity session Instructors to make clear at the start of the session that the top does not have to be their goal 	1	2	1				
All participants – Hair/clothing caught in equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity run in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and activity notes Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Instructors continuously monitoring Hair, clothing & footwear checked at start of session & monitored throughout Jewellery removed if possible/covered if not 	3	1	3				
All participants – hit by object from above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety brief to all to explain what could happen Venue to be checked prior to session Whilst setting up the top of the crag will be thoroughly checked Pockets of all climbing to be emptied before leaving the ground Correct PPE to be worn at all times-safe zone pointed out to all 	2	1	2				
All participants – Falling climber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity run in line with SOP & activity brief Safety brief for all & continuous monitoring & reminders throughout the session Encouragement & guidance given throughout the session & encouraged within the group Correct PPE to be worn & used correctly at all times Safe zone pointed out when not climbing or belaying Appropriate belay methods used and monitored throughout session 	5	1	5				

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Instructors – falling whilst rigging & setting up the climbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity run in line with SOP & activity brief Safety brief for all Supporting staff to maintain group control whilst set up taking place All participants briefed to areas not to be in whilst set up takes place 	5	1	5				
All participants – Equipment failure during session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE equipment used correctly & in line with manufactures guidelines Monthly equipment checks carried out & recorded Visual checks carried out whilst setting up & kitting up Equipment retired at the end of life expectancy or before if defective – this equipment must be disposed of correctly 	5	1	5				
All participants – Loose debris pulled off whilst climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety brief for all & continuous monitoring throughout the session Venue inspected before start of each session Correct PPE to be worn correctly & at all times Safe zone to be briefed to the entire group 'Bellow' command to be briefed to all at the start of each session 	3	2	6				
All participants – large rock being pulled off whilst climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety brief for all & continuous monitoring throughout the session Venue thoroughly checked at the start of each session Correct PPE to be worn correctly & at all times Safe zone pointed out for use when not climbing 'Bellow' command to be briefed to all at the start of each session 	5	1	5				
All participants - Pendulums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety brief given to all & continuous monitoring throughout the session Correct PPE to be worn correctly & at all times Safest route selected to minimise the risk 	2	1	2				

* [Click here](#) for guidance in calculating Risk Rating. Rate the **severity** of the potential harm (between 1-5, where 5 is fatal) and the **likelihood** of the harm occurring (again 1-5 where 5 is very likely). Guidance is at [HS 004](#).

Please now pass this assessment to your manager for approval				
Name of assessor's manager:	Jo O'Callaghan	Date:	27.01.2017	Manager's comments
Signature:				