

Risk Assessment



Risks What could go wrong?	Hazards Why would this happen?	Significant? Yes/No	Controls How can we prevent it?
Fall from Height	Equipment failure – Belay device	Yes	Clip 'N Climb policies for equipment selection, inspection and retirement include: Equipment selection is aligned to or better than industry practise and for use. Regular inspection of the equipment ensures it remains in safe working condition. Equipment is retired when it is no longer in safe working condition. The person completing equipment inspections has the necessary skills and training to perform the task.
Fall from Height	Inadequate skills of the climber - Harness not done up Not clipped in	Yes	Harness briefing given before climbing. Harness checked by Clip 'N Climb staff before entering arena. Climbers are briefed to have harness rechecked if they go to the toilet. Safety briefing includes how to clip in and necessity of all guests under 13 needing to have attachment to carabiner checked by an adult before each climb. Climb closed with barrier / warning notice if line retracts into the Auto Belay.
Fall from Height	Inadequate supervision	Yes	At least one staff member is always in Clip 'N Climb when climbing is being undertaken. Climbers under the age of 13 years are supervised by safety-briefed adults at a ratio of 1:5
Injury from being hit by descending climber	Poor communication or inattention	No	Clients are briefed to be aware of descending climbers. Climbers are briefed to look out below before beginning descent. Climbers are briefed to call out 'look out below' before beginning descent.
Injury from bumping into climbing holds when descending	Inadequate skills of climber	No	Climbers are briefed to use feet to fend themselves off the wall during descent. Climbers are briefed to hold onto Auto Belay line with both hands during descent.
Injury – Generic	Excitement / Failure to follow instruction	Yes	A staff member with Workplace First Aid qualifications is on site. Active hazard identification and management system in place. Urban location with fast access to 111 emergency services. First aid kit on site.
Civil Emergency	Fire / Earthquake	Yes	Evacuation plan in place. Building fully alarmed. Building has current Warrant of Fitness. Emergency lighting installed.
Emotional Trauma	Client freezes on a climb	No	Rescue procedures are in place. Staff on duty are trained and experienced in dealing with this.
Injury from impact against stationary objects	Inattention	No	Staff on duty will tell the climber when to let go of trapeze when doing the Leap of Faith. Staff on duty monitor climbers and encourage responsible behaviour.