

# RISK ASSESSMENT: Pinsent Bouldering

Completed by: Pinsent Activities Team

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As this is a self led activity, **Leader in charge** is the person hiring the Bouldering wall and not a member of the Activity Team.

What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
			Probability	Severity	Risk		Probability	Severity	Risk
Escape From building	All	Burns, smoke inhalation, death	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> to ensure all exits are clear, prior to session commencing, inside and outside..</li> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> to give briefing to the group at the start of a session on what to do if the alarm sounds</li> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> to give briefing to the group at the start of a session on sounding the alarm if fire spotted</li> <li>PDF Document with above details to be given to hirer.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Fire	All	Burns, Smoke inhalation, death	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No smoking or Vaping permitted within the building</li> <li>Empty all waste bins at regular intervals</li> <li>Keep building inside and outside clear of all flammable materials.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Equipment Failure	All	Cuts, Lacerations, Death	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Equipment is checked and recorded once a month.</li> <li>Any items deemed to be faulty are removed and fixed or disposed of.</li> <li>Structure is thoroughly checked once a year by a competent person.</li> <li>Structure is thoroughly inspected once a year by a competent person.</li> </ul>	1	3	3
Objects falling from height	All	Bruises, contusions	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structure is checked once a month for loose parts.</li> <li>All participants to remove everything from pockets and anything loose.</li> <li>Footwear must be appropriate and securely fastened.</li> <li>No one to climb above or below another climber.</li> </ul>	1	1	1
Group Behaviour	All	Loss of control of the group, participants being distracted/not listening.	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> to ensure that the group is under control at all times.</li> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> is to stop the session if the participant's behaviour is dangerous.</li> <li>Disruptive participants should be asked to leave the area.</li> </ul>	1	2	2

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<b>Slips, Trips and Falls</b>	All	Cuts, grazes and bruises	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants are not to run in the bouldering area.</li> <li>Participants must be wearing suitable footwear. Enclosed toe and securely fastened.</li> <li>Participants warned about joins in crash mats</li> <li>Mats to be clear of all objects.</li> <li>No liquids or drinks in the matted area.</li> <li>No Food in the matted area.</li> </ul>	1	1	1
<b>Entrapment</b>	All	Compression, crushing injuries	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All loose clothing to be removed.</li> <li>All jewellery including rings to be removed.</li> <li>Long hair to be tied back</li> </ul>	1	4	4
<b>Falling from height</b>	Participants	Breaks, fractures and sprains	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants to climb up and down the wall,</li> <li>No jumping onto or off the wall.</li> <li>No one to climb above the green section. No one to use the white section.</li> <li>No one to climb on the wall until instructed to do so by <b>Leader in charge</b>.</li> <li><b>Leader in charge</b> to monitor all those climbing to ensure rules are obeyed and adhered to.</li> <li>Climbers to be informed that holds may rotate.</li> <li>No more than 4 climbers on any one wall ( 3 on sloping wall) <b>max</b> of 12 climbing.</li> </ul>	1	4	4
<b>Dust particals</b>	All	Inhalation	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No chalk to be used</li> </ul>	1	1	1

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Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.

Remaining Risk Level	Description
1-5	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
5-10	Low, control measures satisfactory
10-15	Medium, control measures adequate
15-20	High, control measures need further consideration
20-25	Very high, intolerable, stop Activity

Bouldering ACTIVITY RISK ASSESSMENT – Approval for use

The following signatures approve the undertaking of Archery in the Activity barn at Pinsent subject to the application of the risk control measures in the risk assessment above.

Signatures

Pinsent Activities Manager:

	C G Floyd	16 July 2025
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District Safety Lead:

	D Ashby	
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Change History

Version	Date	Changes made
Vers 01	30 April 2025	Creation of Risk Assessment.