



Risk assessment form (H&S)

Name of assessor(s)	Carly Kew	Group / Establishment:	Great Wood
Date	January 2025		SSE Outdoors


What is the workplace / activity / equipment / conditions being assessed: Great Wood	How was the assessment done? e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives?	Next review date: January 2026
Bouldering/Traversing wall – The wall is a self-made wall within a locked, out of bounds area. It is for instructor led, structured sessions with games, progressions and varying challenges.	Site visit, in consultation & agreement with SSE Outdoors, Centre manager, GWT & Pete Goldsmith – Tech advisor	Is the assessment 'generic' or specific to the situation? S

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Instructors & participants – slips trips & falls, within the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Potential hazards, logs, branches, uneven or slippery ground removed or shown Instructor trained and signed off competent to lead the session. Walking whilst in the area, no running Correct footwear to be worn, fit for purpose 	3	1	3							

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Instructors and participants Slips, trips & falls from the wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety brief to all and continuous monitoring of participants Briefing of hand holds and feet holds, not using gaps for holds. Spotting taught to all. Nobody to be on the wall without a spotter. Correct clothing & footwear to be worn, removal of jewellery if possible. No more than 6 participants on the wall at a time No jumping for holds briefed during initial safety brief. Barked flooring throughout area 	2	2	4							
Instructors & Participants Failure of structure / equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly inspection of wall Weekly inspection of holds Session inspection of holds and structure. Using wall for purpose 1 participant per hold at a time 	2	1	2							

* Please refer to the risk rating matrix below. Further guidance on how to calculate a risk rating from the matrix is on the [Risk Assessment policy HS 004](#).

Please now pass this assessment to your manager for approval

Name of assessor's manager:	Ack Moore	Date:	27/01/25	Manager's comments
Signature:				

Risk Matrix

Risk Rating				Consequence (Impact/Severity of Injury)				
Very High (VH) 16-25	High (H) 10-12	Medium (M) 5-9	Low (L) 1-4	1. Insignificant	2. Minor	3. Moderate	4. Major	5. Catastrophic
Likelihood Descriptor		Consequence Descriptor		• Near Miss. • No treatment required.	• First-Aid treatment (e.g. minor cuts, bruises, bumps)	• Medical treatment • Lost time of >3 working days.	• Serious injury/ medical treatment. • Hospitalisation. • Lost time (RIDDOR)	• Loss of life. • Permanent disability.
Likelihood (Probability/Chance)	Very likely. Event is expected to occur in most circumstances: More than 95% chance of occurring.	5.	Almost Certain	M-5	H-10	VH-15	VH-20	VH-25
	There is a strong possibility the event will occur. Between 65% - 95% chance of occurring.	4.	Likely	L-4	M-8	H-12	VH-16	VH-20
	The event has occurred before or could again. Between 35% - 65% chance of occurring.	3.	Possible	L-3	M-6	M-9	H-12	VH-15
	The event is not expected to occur but could under specific circumstances. Between 5% - 35% chance of occurring.	2.	Unlikely	L-2	L-4	M-6	M-8	H-10
	The event has not occurred before, but it may occur in exceptional circumstances. < 5% chance of occurring.	1.	Rare	L-1	L-2	L-3	L-4	M-5