



# REGISTRATION FORM

## Unsupervised Climbing at Keswick Climbing Wall



### Participation Statement

"The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

Please Note: No personal details will be passed on to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

### Personal Details Please complete the form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

Title	<input type="text"/>	First Name	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Male / Female	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Contact Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			
Emergency Contact Name	<input type="text"/>	Post Code:			
Emergency Contact No.	<input type="text"/>	E-mail address	<input type="text"/>		

### Conditions of Registration

If you are under 18 years of age **DO NOT** fill in this form! Please ask at Reception for the correct form.

Once you have read the **Conditions of Use and Rules** of the climbing centre, you must answer the following questions by writing either **"YES"** or **"NO"** in the box provided then sign the declaration at the bottom of the form. Only climbers who give satisfactory answers to the questions will be registered and allowed to climb unsupervised.

Are you over 18 years of age? .....	<input type="text"/>
Have you read and understood the Conditions of Use and Rules of the centre? .....	<input type="text"/>
* Can you put on a climbing harness correctly? .....	<input type="text"/>
* Can you attach a rope to your harness using a suitable climbing knot? .....	<input type="text"/>
* Can you use a belay device to secure a falling climber and lower a climber from the wall? .....	<input type="text"/>
Do you require instruction in any of the above three techniques (marked *)? .....	<input type="text"/>
Do you understand that failure to exercise due care could result in your injury or death? .....	<input type="text"/>
Do you have any questions regarding the application of the Conditions of Use or the Rules? .....	<input type="text"/>
Do you agree to abide by the Rules of the climbing centre? .....	<input type="text"/>

### Declaration of fitness

**I certify that to the best of my knowledge, I do not suffer from a medical condition which might have the effect of making it more likely that I be involved in an accident which could result in injury to myself or others.**

### Declaration of fact

**I also confirm that the above information is correct and if any information changes I will notify the centre:**

Signature <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Date <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
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**THIS PART TO BE FILLED IN BY RECEPTION STAFF**

Registration Number <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Registration Type <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Have you asked a sample question? <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/>	
Signature <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Date <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

## CONDITIONS OF USE OF KESWICK CLIMBING WALL

**Risks** - "The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

Although the climbing centre is an artificial environment the risks involved are **no less serious than when climbing outside** on a crag or mountain. There is an additional risk that bolt-on holds can spin or break.

The soft flooring under the bouldering walls is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling or jumping from the bouldering wall. **THE SOFT FLOORING DOES NOT MAKE THE CLIMBING ANY SAFER.** Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing wall despite the soft landing. **Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.**

Climbing **beyond your capabilities** on any wall is likely to result in a **fall**. Any fall may result in an **injury** despite the safety systems in place to avoid it. You must make your **own assessment of the risks** whenever you climb.

**Our Duty of Care** - The rules of the climbing centre set out below **are not** intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They **are** part of the **duty of care** that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are **not negotiable** and if you are not prepared to abide by them then the staff must politely ask you to leave.

**Your Duty of Care** - You also have a **duty of care** to act responsibly towards the other users of the centre. Statements of 'Good Practice' are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe

the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

**Unsupervised Climbing** - Before you climb without supervision the centre expects you to be competent in the use of a safety harness, a suitable knot to attach a rope to the harness and a belay device to secure a falling climber or lower a climber from the wall using a rope. You are required to register to say that you know how to use the equipment, that you are prepared to abide by the Rules below and that you understand the risks involved in your participation.

Anyone who has not registered is classed as a **novice** and **must not** climb without supervision.

**Unsupervised climbing is just that!** Staff will provide whatever help and advice they can, but instruction in the use of equipment or climbing techniques will only be provided where it has been booked and paid for in advance. If you are not **confident** in the use of any climbing equipment or technique then **do not** attempt to use it without the supervision of someone who is competent to do so.

**Supervised Climbing** - An adult who has registered at the centre may supervise up to **two** novice climbers as long as they are prepared to **take full responsibility for the safety of those people**. Groups of three or more novices must only be supervised by an instructor holding the relevant Mountain Leader Training qualification who is also registered with Keswick Climbing Wall as an Instructor.

**Children** - All children in the centre must be supervised by an adult unless they have been assessed by the management and registered for unsupervised climbing.

## RULES

### General Safety

- Report to reception on each visit before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the walls, equipment or other climbers' behaviour to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of the other climbers around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Do not distract people while they are climbing or belaying.
- Stand well back from the climbing walls unless you are belaying or spotting a climber. Never stand directly under someone who is climbing.

### Top Roping

- Many of the climbs in the centre have top ropes already in place. Do not take them down to use on other routes. If you wish for a top rope to be put up please contact a climbing wall member of staff.
- Do not use your own 'quick draws' to lead the top rope walls.

### Leading

- When using the lead walls you must supply your own appropriately rated dynamic rope. Do not use the centre's top ropes for lead climbing.
- Running belay attachments (runners) are already provided at intervals on the lead walls so you do not need your own 'quick draws'.* You must clip **all** the runners on

the route you are climbing.

### When Belaying

- Always use a belay device attached to your safety harness with a locking karabiner. 'Traditional', or 'body' belaying is not acceptable.
- The attachment points on the floor are provided to give support to people belaying a climber who is much heavier than they are. Direct belays from the attachment points on the floor are not acceptable.
- Always pay attention to what the climber is doing.
- Always stand as close to the climbing wall as is practical unless you are using one of the attachment points on the floor. Sitting or lying down are not acceptable.

### When Climbing

- The tall walls are designed to be climbed using a rope for protection. Solo climbing is not acceptable on these walls. Always use a rope to protect yourself on these climbs.
- Always use a safety harness to attach yourself to the rope.
- Always tie the rope directly into the harness using a suitable climbing knot. Clipping in with a karabiner is not acceptable.

### Bouldering

- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by down climbing, jumping or, at the very least, a controlled fall.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber.