

ROCK CLIMBING WALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Climbing is an assumed risk. Climbers must agree to follow all policies and procedures of the facility, including those outlined below and any communicated by the Rock Climbing Wall Staff.

Failure to follow all of the required policies and procedures may result in losing Rock Climbing Wall privileges.

1. Each member who uses the rock climbing wall must have the following on file with the SRWC:
 - current registration card
 - signed informed consent agreement (signed by parent or guardian for those under age 18)
 - signed assumption of risk form (signed by parent or guardian for those under age 18)
2. All climbers must check-in with Rock Climbing Wall Supervisor to receive their colored climbing badge.
3. Color-coded climbing badges must be displayed at all times.
4. Climbing is only permitted during open wall hours and with staff supervision.
5. All staff and non-staff belayers must be certified prior to climbing.
6. All climbers must tie-in using a figure 8 with a backup knot.
7. Standing position is required during belaying.
8. Only trained SRWC Rock Climbing Wall staff may teach belaying classes.
9. All equipment must be approved by the SRWC prior to use. (The SRWC provides harnesses, carabiners, ropes, belay devices, shoes, chalk, and chalk bags.)
10. Shoes are required. Climbing shoes are recommended and provided by the SRWC. Socks must be worn with SRWC shoes.
11. If climber declines to use SRWC supplied climbing shoes, they must have their shoes inspected by Rock Wall Monitor.
12. When the wall is busy, climbers will be allowed 2 falls during a climb. After 2 falls, the climber must give up the rope.
13. Food and/or beverages are **NOT** allowed in the climbing area.
14. Dangling jewelry, watches, rings, bracelets, excessively loose clothing, gum, candy, and items in pockets must be removed when climbing or belaying.

CLIMBING AREA RULES

1. Do not enter the climbing area unless you are climbing or belaying.
2. Do not walk between active belayer and wall.

UNCERTIFIED CLIMBERS

Individuals may climb or boulder during two rock wall sessions prior to certification. During these two sessions all tie-ins, knots, and equipment checks will be made by Rock Wall Monitors. Uncertified participants will not be allowed to belay climbers, regardless of prior experience.

CERTIFIED CLIMBERS

Climbers must present their current Washburn University ID to the Rock Climbing Wall Supervisor. The Supervisor will locate the climber's registration card in the file and confirm that the climber is currently certified and not restricted from climbing. The Supervisor will then give the climber his or her climbing badge. The climber must display this badge by clipping it to the harness when climbing or belaying.

Certifications need to be renewed beginning August 1 each year.

RE-CERTIFICATION

Beginning August 1, climbers will need to complete recertification. For all climbers previously certified at the SRWC, their current green certification will revert to a red certification. Climbers will then need to demonstrate their skills twice before receiving a green certification.

LIMBERS BEING RECERTIFIED ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPEAT THE CERTIFICATION CLASS

PASSING OF BADGES

All participants must wear a climbing badge denoting what SRWC climbing certification they hold. Anyone found lending a badge to others will be suspended from the wall. Other disciplinary action is at the discretion of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center Director.

TOP-ROPE CLIMBING

Tie in with a retraced figure 8 knot (also known as a figure 8 follow through) and a backup knot. A carabiner is not to be used to connect the knot to the harness. Tie into two points (waist and leg loops) on the harness.

1. Climb straight up the route. Do not traverse left or right because of the potential for a hazardous swing.
2. The climber must check the belay setup, and the belayer must check the climber setup.
3. Commands must be issued before climbing.

BOULDERING

1. Boulderers must use a spotter and mat(s) at all times.
2. All parts of the climber's body must remain below the bouldering line when bouldering.