

# CLIMBING WALL POLICY

The following policies will be followed in order to maintain a safe climbing wall:

- The climbing wall will only be used for belaying during scheduled openings with climbing wall staff. Bouldering can be done at any time.
- When bouldering, climbers' feet must stay below the yellow line at all times. (Youth age restrictions still apply).
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn to climb the wall. Flip-flops and barefoot climbing are not be allowed.
- Personal climbing equipment must be inspected and approved by Climbing Wall Staff.
- All climbers must fill out a liability waiver once a year.
- Although supportive shouts are encouraged when directed at a climber, it is necessary to maintain an atmosphere conducive to communication. Inappropriate and distracting behavior is prohibited.
- Belayers need to concentrate on their climbers. Be thoughtful about engaging them in conversation while they are belaying.
- Only YMCA certified belayers may belay climbers on the wall.
- Only climbers and belayers should be in the climbing area.
- Helmets will always be worn while climbing.
- NEVER walk between a climber and a belayer or a boulderer and a spoter
- No lead climbing is allowed.
- Safety must be practiced at all times.

Children must be 5-years-old to climb. Youth age guidelines for supervision still apply. These policies are only intended to provide the basics of safe climbing wall use. Climbers must comply with any decision made by climbing wall staff regarding use of the climbing wall. The Climbing Wall Supervisor should be contacted if there are any questions or concerns.