

Climbing Wall

Patron Expectations

1. All climbers must sign a liability form stating they are fully aware of any risk involved.
2. All climbers must go through an orientation with the climbing assistant which will include: educating patrons of facility, equipment, types of climbing available and knots.
3. A climbing assistant must be present to climb above 12 feet on the wall.
4. Bouldering is not allowed past 12 feet. Patrons are encouraged to use spotters when they are bouldering at the climbing wall.
5. Do not boulder or traverse under ANY climbers currently on the wall.
6. Climbers must complete the following before they can become top rope certified.
 - a. Wall training with a climbing assistant
 - b. Written test (within 24 hours of wall training)
 - c. Physical test (at least 24 hours after training)
7. When certified, a climber must display a belay card on their harness at all times while belaying. Any personal equipment to be used at the wall must be checked and cleared by the Climbing Wall Assistant

Policy on Belaying

1. At no point in time are patrons allowed to sit down while they are belaying a climber that is on the climbing wall.
2. Patrons may not belay through the daisy chain; it is only to be used to anchor you while belaying.
3. All climbers must use verbal commands with staff or their climbing partner before climbing.
4. Only a figure eight knot (properly dressed) can be used to tie climbers to the rope.
5. Knots and harness must be checked by the climbing assistant before patrons can climb on the wall.

Policies for Class/Lab Partnerships With the Climbing Wall:

1. Classes or labs must schedule at least two weeks in advance, in order to allow for sufficient wall staff to be scheduled.
2. The instructor is responsible for obtaining all liability forms and have students sign them prior to the class arriving. The liability forms can be acquired by e-mailing the facilities Graduate Assistant at joe.mankowski@belmont.edu
3. Classes may only schedule to use the wall no more than two hours in a given day.
4. Classes may schedule to use the wall outside of regular hours of operation, however they must schedule at least two weeks prior.