

# Climb Smart

At the Paul Derda Recreation Center, we want all of our patrons to enjoy the climbing wall. In order to achieve this, we have set some guidelines. The PDRC staff reserves the right to take away climbing privileges if these guidelines are not followed.

**Climbing is dangerous and injuries may occur even if all guidelines are followed.**

- A waiver must be completed and on file for each and every climber entering the climbing area. For those under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver. **Customers are not permitted to enter the climbing area without prior permission from staff.**
- All children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The adult must be present at the wall while the child is climbing.
- A Recreation Services I.D. card is required to check out any climbing gear (including belay tags). No other form of I.D. is accepted.
- **You must check in as a climber, with a staff member before you can climb. If staff are not present at the wall then you will need to tell the front desk that you would like to climb.**
- You must be 15 or older to participate in a top rope belay assessment.
- You must be 18 or older to participate in a lead assessment and be able to demonstrate the ability to properly lead a climb and belay. You will need a partner to participate.
- Please store all belongings in a locked locker or a cubbie. **Do not leave personal belongings on the floor.**
- Ball chalk only.
- No bouldering above 12 feet. Please stay over the mats when bouldering up to 12 feet. **No lengthily dynamic bouldering moves allowed.**
- Please do not mark routes with tape or chalk. If you have suggestions or concerns about route setting please see Melissa.
- When top rope climbing you must climb under your anchor or under the belay bar to which your rope is attached.
- Please climb in climbing shoes or tennis shoes. You must be wearing shoes at all times in the climbing area.
- Stand while you are belaying your climber, it keeps you alert and ready for any fall that may occur.
- Do not swing on the rope while belaying or climbing.
- Be aware of your surroundings, walk behind belayers, **do not allow your children to run around the wall,** do not walk or stand under a climber on the auto belay.
- Do not climb above the belay bar.
- Your skills must be assessed by staff prior to bouldering and use the auto belay. **Children and guest climbers are not allowed to boulder unless they are in a PDRC climbing class and the instructor is teaching climbing movement skills.**
- **If children are not climbing they must be sitting or outside the fenced area, no car seats or strollers are allowed in the climbing area. Please utilize our child care services.**
- Please ask for assistance if you are unsure how something works.
- You may use your own harness, ATC, GriGri, and locking carabiners. **It is your responsibility to maintain and replace your own gear according to the manufactures guidelines.** You may not use a figure 8 or any other type of belay device. When lead climbing, you will need to use a PDRC issued lead rope and PDRC quick draws. You may not use your own.
- Do not pull available top ropes down. Top ropes are hung in specific locations, if no top rope is present you are not to move ropes around or hang a lead rope for top rope use.

Thank you for your understanding.

Together we can create a fun climbing environment.

