

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**ANNUAL RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS**

**WALL STAFF USE ONLY**  
Skills test or intro clinic (circle one), initials:  
Date:

I am aware that participation in rock climbing activities may be a dangerous activity involving A RISK OF INJURY ranging from minor injury to serious injuries up to and including paralysis or even death. I am aware that such an injury can limit my future life activities, including future earning capacity. I am aware of my medical and physical conditions and have determined that I am appropriately fit to participate in all activities associated with rock climbing. Because of the potential dangers and risks, I recognize the importance of following instructions provided and I agree to follow all directions or rules of the University of Wyoming.

I understand that the University of Wyoming recommends or requires the use of various equipment including specified types of helmets, harnesses, and belay devices. The University of Wyoming will make such equipment available to me when climbing at University of Wyoming facilities and I have the option to use the University of Wyoming equipment or my own equipment as well as the option to reject the use of any safety equipment that is recommended but not required. I hereby acknowledge that this is my choice, I make it voluntarily and this release applies to the result of any such decision on my part.

I hereby grant permission for the University to give or authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and such action by the University shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I understand and agree that the University assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage, which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment.

In consideration of the University of Wyoming providing me the opportunity to participate in rock climbing activities at the University indoor rock climbing facility or any other climbing anywhere at any time, I hereby assume all the risks associated with my participation, including use of University facilities and equipment and any and all other activities incidental to my participation, regardless of cause or how they occur. I agree to hold the University of Wyoming, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, representatives, instructors, and volunteers and the State of Wyoming harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, attorney fees, claims, or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my participation. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees and for all members of my family.

I have read the above statement and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing/agreeing to this document. I further understand that this release and assumption of risks remains valid for all of my participation in the stated activities until I take affirmative action to rescind this waiver.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME W#

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE DATE

**IF THE INDIVIDUAL ABOVE IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:**

I, being the parent or legal guardian of the above participant, \_\_\_\_\_, who is under the age of 18, have read the above statement and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE DATE

# University of Wyoming Climbing Wall Policies

## Climbing Wall General Policies

1. Top rope and lead climbing may only occur during supervised climbing wall hours.
2. Climbing equipment, including but not limited to harnesses, carabiners, belay devices, ropes, and slings must be UIAA and/or CE approved, and in safe working condition, free of excessive wear and abuse.
3. Loose chalk is not allowed.
4. Climbing on any surface that is not climbing wall surface is prohibited.
5. Climbers are not allowed to walk or climb barefoot. Shirts must always be worn.
6. Drinks must be kept in the cubby and shoe changing area.
7. No personal items are allowed on the climbing wall safety pads. These items must be kept in the cubby and shoe changing area.
8. Dependents 12 and under must be directly supervised at all times by a parent or legal guardian at the climbing wall.
9. Only climbing wall staff may change, modify, and adjust climbing holds, routes, and boulder problems.
10. Climbing wall staff and/or half acre staff reserve the right to intervene if they feel an individual's climbing activities are unsafe.
11. Failure to comply with any policies could result in removal from the climbing wall, or revoking of climbing wall privileges.

## Top-Rope and Lead Climbing Policies

1. All roped climbers must annually complete a liability waiver and pass either a skills test or an introductory climbing wall clinic, and swipe their I.D. card to verify access prior to using the ropes.
2. Climbers must use ropes immediately above the route they intend to climb to avoid unnecessary swing (pendulum).
3. Climbing above top-rope anchor points is prohibited.
4. All knots, belay devices, and harnesses will be inspected by the climber and belayer before any climbing commences.
5. Ropes will be attached to harnesses using only a figure eight tie-in knot in addition to having a safety knot or at least six (6) inches of tail to the knot.
6. Climbing commands must be used at all times.
7. Belayers must remain standing while belaying.
8. Only aperture (aka tube-style) belay devices are allowed for belaying top-rope climbers; only GriGri2 (aka assisted breaking devices) are allowed for lead climbing. Belay devices are provided complimentary for use at the wall.
9. No loose hair, jewelry, or loose clothing is allowed and must be kept away from ropes and belay devices at all times.
10. Do not adjust knots, belay devices, or harnesses while climbing.
11. Dependents must be 15 or older to belay another climber, and must pass either a skills test or introductory climbing wall clinic.
12. Dependents 14 years old and younger, whose parent (or guardian) has passed a skills test or introductory climbing wall clinic, can top-rope climb without having passed a skills test, but they may not belay another climber.
13. All dependents who climb utilizing the ropes must have a parent or guardian complete the waiver prior to being allowed to climb.

## Bouldering Policies

1. All bouldering on the tower and top-rope wall shall not exceed the twelve (12) foot mark as indicated by the horizontal painted line.
2. Climbers are not allowed on top of the bouldering wall.
3. Down climbing is recommended upon completion of bouldering routes.
4. Top-rope and lead climbing activities have priority on the tower and top-rope teaching area during supervised wall hours.
5. Spotting is strongly encouraged for all bouldering activities.
6. Do not boulder, traverse, or stand under other climbers.
7. While bouldering, be aware of other wall users, both climbers and bystanders.