

Minor Climbing Wall Release

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Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have questions please ask us or consult an attorney.

The Outdoor Program, Recreation and Wellness, and Bowling Green State University wants our guests to have a rewarding experience. We wish to inform our climbing wall participants and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that Climbing Wall activities are not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and fun of climbing wall activities such as physical exertion and risk can cause loss or damage to equipment, injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent injury or death. We want participants and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of potential risks. We ask that both the **minor** and a parent or legal guardian read, sign and return this document to an Outdoor Program staff member.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

Rock climbing and using indoor climbing walls like all outdoor recreation activities are hazardous. The following accidents and injuries may occur as a result of these climbing on the wall:

1. The obvious accidents that occur in climbing are falling. Whenever you fall, you may fall only a few feet or all the way to the floor. As you fall, you may hit objects or the wall that are in your path.
2. When the rope catches your fall, the jolt from the rope may cause injury.
3. Falling to the ground from any height may cause serious injury, paralysis, or death.
4. In addition to the hazards of falling, objects falling off the wall may hit you. Holds, climbing equipment, and even people may fall and hit you as you are standing at the base or while climbing.
5. The extreme conditions in which climbing equipment is used in conjunction with the damages caused by the wall can cause climbing equipment to fail.
6. Improper use of the equipment or not properly tying in will result in injury. The climbing hold may spin or break. As you climb, you may pull out protection from the wall or quick-draws may unclip.
7. You may experience cuts, scrapes and rope burns from holding on to the holds or wall.
8. Hair or loose clothing may get caught in equipment causing personal injury or damage to clothing.

This list is not an exclusive or exhaustive list of possible injuries, trauma or accidents that may occur while climbing. It is also possible that some participants would suffer mental anguish or trauma from their experience or injuries.

Contract, Waiver, Release & Indemnification

I am aware that a **minor** (name) _____ under my legal custody desires to participate and climb at the Bowling Green State University Climbing Wall, and I certify that s/he is fully capable of participating. I state that I have read the above statement on some of the possible risks involved and therefore assume full responsibility for myself and my **minor**, for any bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and any expenses as a result of my negligence, negligence of my **minor** or family, negligence of other participants, negligence of the Outdoor Program climbing wall staff, or the negligence of the Recreation and Wellness and Bowling Green State University. I also understand that there is an inherent risk of exposure to contagious diseases such as COVID-19, which exists in any public place where people are present. I acknowledge that I assume the risk of illness caused by contagious diseases.

I agree to indemnify, release, waive, forever discharge and covenant not to sue the State of Ohio, Bowling Green State University and its governing board, officers, agents, employees, any students acting as employees, and volunteers ("Releasees") from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damages, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature that maybe sustain by my **minor** or by any property belonging to s/he, whether caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees. This includes



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