

CLIMBING ACTIVITIES ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS
SUPERVISION IS LIMITED | BE AWARE | CLIMB WITH CARE

HIVE CLIMBING HAZARDS & RISK MANAGEMENT

Hazards inherently occur where humans interact with our environment, our gear, and gravity. You must assess the hazards and associated risks each time you climb, and make an informed decision about whether you can accept and manage the risks involved.

ALWAYS COMPLETE A HAZARD CHECK PRIOR TO CLIMBING

EMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT

Ask yourself: am I in a good headspace to climb/belay in an attentive manner?

If not, consider taking a breath, a break, or climbing some other time

ROUTE PREVIEW

Assess holds, climbing style, and difficulty/grade relative to your experience & desired challenge level

Check anchors and rope lines, and potential for swing

Maintain adequate space between climbers

ROPE CHECK – TOP ROPE CLIMBERS

Before climbing:

Ensure the rope is not twisted around itself (or other ropes) and hangs cleanly and without obstruction

Ensure both climber and belayer are on the same rope

Ensure both climber and belayer are on the right rope for the intended climb; ie: closest to the top of the intended route

ROPE CHECK – LEAD CLIMBERS

Before climbing:

Flake the rope entirely, end to end, into a clean pile to avoid knots

Manually check the rope while flaking for recent wear or tear that could compromise its integrity

Look and feel for excessive wear such as: glazing, bulges, soft spots, stiffness, inconsistencies, sheath damage, exposed core; anything abnormal

If rope is overly worn, or appears unsafe in any other way DO NOT CLIMB on this rope. Notify Hive Staff immediately and bring the rope with you to the front desk

HARNESS CHECK

Waist band is snug above hips & correctly oriented

No twists in leg loops, belay loop, or any straps

All buckles are secured/doubled back and tightened - correct & complete closure varies by harness make/model

PERSONAL CHECK

Check your own harness - ensure it is correct

Check your own knot / belay device - ensure you are tied in correctly / connected, oriented and set up properly

Check your rope / anchor / auto belay - ensure you are connected appropriately to an anchor & belay system (top rope); lead rope / lead belayer (lead climbing); auto belay harness connection (auto belays)

PARTNER CHECK – DOUBLE CHECK

Check your partner's harness - ensure it is correct

Check your partner's knot / belay device - ensure they are tied / connected correctly

Complete communication sequence (two parts):

Prior to climbing:

(Climber) *"Is the belay on?"*

(Belayer) *"Belay is on."*

(Climber) *"May I climb?"*

(Belayer) *"Climb on!"*

Prior to lowering:

(Climber) *"Take!"*

(Belayer) *"Got you!"*

(Climber) *"Ready to lower"*

(Belayer) *"Lowering."*

REMEMBER

Complacency and overconfidence are the most common causes of injuries and accidents in climbing, so always complete your checks – each time, every climb

REMEMBER: CLIMBING IS A CHOICE

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING AND ACCEPTING THE RISKS, EVERY TIME