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HIVE CLIMBING

TOP ROPE BELAY TEST

The Purpose of the Belay Test is to ensure that all individuals top-roping in the gym are doing so at or above the safety standards of the facility. If you have no previous belay experience you do not have the requisite skills to pass a belay test and should consult a Customer Service Rep or Manager about taking an Introductory Belay Lesson.

BELAY TEST TIME 10–15 minutes

PROCEDURE

There can be no coaching by the staff or a fellow climber during the Belay Test. Two people taking the check together implies a missed item is a dual error. If you are unsure about any part of this procedure you may ask staff for clarification prior to the start of the Belay Test.

COMPETENCIES

TO PASS THE BELAY TEST YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Proper assembly of the harness. If the harness involved is a substitute rental harness, staff may have to prove an alternate.

*The customer's harness and climbing equipment must be CE and/or UIAA approved and unmodified. All equipment must be assembled and used as specified by the manufacturer. Staff persons reserve the right to reject any climbing equipment they deem to be unsafe.

A rehearsed system of communication with distinct, climbing specific signals between the belayer and climber.

The Tie-In knot must be through the proper isolated tie-in point(s). A follow-through figure eight knot is required for this test. A knot on a bight clipped with a carabiner is not acceptable.

A proficient belay technique with a dynamic friction device. Some methods and devices are not acceptable (check with facility management). The device is to be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

All customers will be required to catch and hold at least one unanticipated fall during the belay test. There should be no hesitation in catching the fall, and proper control of the belay rope must be maintained throughout.

Lowering the climber should be done at a reasonable speed and in a safe manner.

PASS OR FAIL?

Upon passing the Belay Test, customers will be given an orientation to the facility and an explanation of the facility rules. A customer who fails the check cannot belay for the rest of the day, but can be rechecked on their next visit.