

Shetland Islands Council  
Outdoor Education Generic Risk Assessments

Land Activities: Climbing / Scrambling		Risk to: Instructors/ Group Members
Hazard	Risk	Control measures
1. General	As for walking	As for walking
2. Climbing Activity	Approach to crag Falls from crag Falling objects Rope burns entanglement	Instructors are trained to NGB standards in group management and instructional techniques appropriate to the level of the activity. Instructors choose a suitable venue taking account of the nature of the activity, the ability level of the group, weather conditions and the equipment available. Group members are briefed on hazards specific to the area being used and are instructed in the skills and techniques needed to avoid them/deal with them. At or on the crag group members wear a safety helmet, which meets the appropriate specifications. The instructor and the group carry safety equipment appropriate for the specific activity and venue.
3. Equipment	Unsuitability. Failure. Damaged. Wrongly fitted.	All equipment meets current specifications and/or accepted standards where applicable and is suitable for its intended use. Equipment is regularly maintained, serviced and where required tested to current specifications. Where appropriate a record of use is kept for specific items of equipment. Instructors visually check equipment at time of issue. If group members are using their own equipment the Instructor will ensure it is suitable for the expected conditions and nature of the activity. Instructors make a final check of equipment prior to the activity starting; ensuring where necessary, that it is correctly fitted and that all group members are adequately clothed and equipped.