# Risk Assessment – Crate Climbing

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| **Hazard Identified & Risks from It?** | **Who is at Risk?** | **How are the risks controlled?** | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
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| Participant is dropped from height, risk of injury. | Climber | * Climber to be securely fastened to safety rope by harness.
* All staff must be competent in the operation of the belaying system and how to lower the participant down safely.
* Belay must be anchored to the ground to reduce the risk of person belaying leaving the ground.
* Person belaying must not be distracted during belaying.
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| Person hit by falling crates, risk of injury. | Belayer, Helpers & Spectators | * Restricted climbing area to be marked out around the climber.
* Nobody to enter the climbing area unless they are belaying or passing crates to the climber.
* Everyone within the climbing area must wear a helmet.
* Climber will be instructed to kick crate stack away from belayer and helpers when they fall.
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| Climber impact with tree, rick of injury. | Climber | * Climber to be wearing a helmet at all times.
* Rope to be positioned so that climber cannot swing into the main tree trunk.
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| Choking by neckie / name badge, risk of injury. | Climber | * Staff must check that climber has removed their name badge and neckie before they start climbing.
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| Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion | Young People | * Staff to check that young people bring a full water bottle with them to the activity.
* Staff to monitor young people throughout the activity and advise anyone who is overheating to rest in the shade and drink water.
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| Sunburn | Young People | * If weather is sunny, or forecast to be sunny, staff to check that young people are wearing sun cream.
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| Cold and Hypothermia | Young People | * If weather is wet or forecast to rain, staff to check that young people have brought a waterproof jacket to the activity.
* Staff to check the young people are suitably clothed for the weather conditions, e.g. have jumpers / jackets with them.
* Shelter to be available at the activity location, e.g. event shelter.
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