



# Junior Registration Form



## Unsupervised Roped Climbing & Bouldering

### Your personal data and privacy

In order for you to use our facilities, we (Mile End Climbing Wall) require you to fill in all the information on this form. We recommend you read the privacy notice available at reception or at [www.mileendwall.org.uk/compliance/privacy-notice](http://www.mileendwall.org.uk/compliance/privacy-notice). All the data contained on the completed form will be processed in accordance with this notice.

### Participation Statement

"The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

### Personal Details (please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

First Name:	Surname:
Postcode:	Tel:
Date of birth:	Tel:

I confirm that I have the permission of the person named below for their data to be shared with Mile End Climbing Wall as my contact in case of emergency.

Emergency contact name:	Emergency contact number:
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### Conditions of Registration

Once you have read the 'Roped Climbing & Bouldering Conditions of Use and Rules' of the climbing centre, you must answer the following questions by writing either "YES" or "NO" in the box provided then sign the declaration at the bottom of the form. Only people giving satisfactory answers to the questions and have had this form signed by their parent/guardian will be registered and allowed to climb unsupervised.

Please write YES or NO in the boxes below

Are you under 18 years of age?	
Have you read and understood the 'Climbing & Bouldering Conditions of Use and Rules of the centre?'	
* Can you put on a climbing harness correctly?	
* Can you attach a rope to your harness using a suitable climbing knot?	
* Can you use a belay device to secure a falling climber and lower a climber from the wall?	
Do you understand that failure to exercise due care could result in your injury or death?	
Have you made your parents/guardians aware that you are participating in this risk activity?	
Do you understand that the matting under the bouldering walls cannot remove the risk of injury?	
Do you have any questions regarding the application of the Conditions of Use or the Rules?	
Do you agree to abide by the Conditions of Use and Rules of the climbing centre?	

Signature (young person)	Date:
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### TO BE READ AND COMPLETED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

MILE END CLIMBING WALL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS VISIT THE CENTRE PERSONALLY BEFORE GIVING PERMISSION FOR THEIR CHILD TO CLIMB UNSUPERVISED.

N.B. Passing the test demonstrates the ability to achieve the required level of competence at the time of taking the test. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian & young person to ensure that these skills are kept up to date. The management reserve the right to refuse continued use if the young person does not act in line with the centre guidelines.

I give permission for my child named above to take part in climbing and bouldering activities at Mile End Climbing Wall.

Please write YES or NO in the boxes below

I have read the Conditions of Use, Rules & Participation Statement and understand that my child will be participating in an unsupervised risk activity.

I have read and understood the privacy notice and give permission for the data on this form to be processed in line with this notice.

Parents name	Parents signature	Date
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TO BE COMPLETED BY MECW STAFF

Staff Initials:	Tested by:	Date	Reg No:
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## Roped Climbing & Bouldering Conditions of Use for Mile End Climbing Wall (MECW)

**Risks** - "The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

Although the climbing centre is an artificial environment the risks involved are no less serious than when climbing outside on a crag or mountain. There is an additional risk that bolt-on holds can spin or break and cause falls.

**Please note** - Bouldering is climbing without the support of ropes and harnesses. At Mile End Climbing Wall our bouldering goes to a height of 5m. The soft flooring under the bouldering walls is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling or jumping from the bouldering wall. **THE SOFT FLOORING DOES NOT MAKE THE CLIMBING ANY SAFER.** Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing wall despite the soft landing. **Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.**

Climbing **beyond your capabilities** on any wall is likely to result in a **fall**. Any fall may result in an **injury** despite the safety systems in place to avoid it. You must make your **own assessment of the risks** whenever you climb.

**Our Duty of Care** - The rules of the climbing centre set out below are **not** intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They are part of the **duty of care** that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are **not negotiable** and if you are not prepared to abide by them then the staff will require you to leave our premises.

**Your Duty of Care** - You also have a duty of care to act responsibly towards the other users of the centre. Statements of 'Good Practice' are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

All climbing at MECW is unsupervised unless you are in an instructed session or supervised by a registered adult.

**Unsupervised climbing is just that!** - Staff will provide whatever help and advice they can, but instruction in the use of equipment or climbing techniques will only be provided where it has been booked and paid for in advance. If you are not **confident** in the use of any climbing equipment or technique then **do not use** it without the supervision of someone who is competent to do so.

**Unsupervised Roped Climbing** - Before you climb without supervision the centre expects you to be competent in the use of a climbing harness, a suitable knot to attach a rope to the harness and a belay device to secure a falling climber or lower a climber from the wall using a rope. You are required to register to say that you know how to use the equipment, that you are prepared to abide by MECW Rules and that you understand the risks involved in your participation.

Anyone who has not registered is classed as a **novice** and **must not** undertake roped climbing without supervision.

**Helmets** - It is the decision of the parent/guardian as to whether a child is required to wear a helmet when using our facilities.

## RULES

### General Safety

- Report to reception on each visit before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the walls, equipment or other climbers' behaviour to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of the other climbers around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Do not distract people while they are climbing or belaying.
- Stand well back from the climbing walls unless you are belaying or spotting a climber. Never stand directly under someone who is climbing.
- Only climb on the climbing surfaces; not on support structures or parts of the building.
- Do not run in the centre.
- Groups instructed by Mile End staff have priority.

### Bouldering

- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by the provided descents, down climbing, a controlled jump or, at the very least, a controlled fall.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber.

### Top Roping

- Some of the climbs in the centre have top ropes already in place. **Do not take them down to use on other routes.**
- Always use a climbing harness to attach yourself to the rope.

### Leading

- When using the lead walls you must supply your own appropriately rated dynamic rope. Do not use the centre's top ropes for lead climbing.
- Running belay attachments (runners) are already provided at intervals on the lead walls. You must clip all the runners on the route you are climbing.

### When Belaying

- Always use a belay device attached to your harness with a locking karabiner. 'Traditional', or 'body' belaying is not acceptable.
- The attachment points on the floor are provided to give support to people belaying a climber who is much heavier than they are. Direct belays from the attachment points on the floor are not acceptable.
- Always pay attention to what the climber is doing.
- Always stand as close to the climbing wall as is practical unless you are using one of the attachment points on the floor. Sitting or lying down are not acceptable.

### When Climbing

- The ropebay walls are designed to be climbed using a rope for protection. Solo climbing is not acceptable on these walls. Always use a rope to protect yourself on these climbs.
- Always tie the rope directly into the harness using a suitable climbing knot. Clipping in with a karabiner is not acceptable.