Use of the Climbing Facility can result in several positive outcomes for you—including meeting new people, making new friends, learning new skills, and learning about yourself. Challenging activities bring many benefits, but there are some possible risks and hazards about which the University wants you to be aware. These risks and hazards can include, but are not limited to scrapes, cuts, rope burns, bruises, sprains, fractures and death resulting from falls.

Risk of injuries or death may be caused by, but are not limited to:

1. The negligence of the operators, employees, or volunteer assistants of the University of Puget Sound, or the negligence of other climbers, observers, designers, manufacturers or installers of the Climbing Facility;
2. The failure or negligent misuse of the Climbing Facility or equipment;
3. The fall of other persons who may come into contact with me or from any falls in which I come into contact with other persons;
4. Slips, trips or falls while using the University of Puget Sound Climbing Facility; or
5. The negligence or lack of adequate training of those persons at the University of Puget Sound who seek to assist with medical or other help either before or after injuries have occurred.

LIABILITY RELEASE

After reading the Acknowledgment of Risk Statement, please read this Liability Release carefully and sign the same in the space provided below.

I understand that my safety is my own responsibility. I also understand that I am responsible for furnishing my own proper clothing and approved Union Internationale Associations d’Alpinisme (U.I.A.A.) equipment, including a harness, and that I am responsible for the safe and good operating condition and proper use of all equipment that I may use, regardless of its source.

I represent and warrant to the University that I am in good health and physical condition, and I agree that I will not participate in Climbing Facility activities unless I am in the appropriate health and physical condition to do so. I agree that I will not involve myself in any activity that exceeds my physical capabilities.

I hereby waive any and all claims against the University of Puget Sound, its Board of Trustees, its agents, employees and program leaders and representatives, for any claims or injuries that I may have or suffer as a result of my participation in Climbing Facility activities and from any cause whatsoever arising at any time, and I do hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the University of Puget Sound, its Board of Trustees and its agents, employees, program leaders and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, obligations, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) arising out of or in connection with any claims or injuries that I may have or suffer by reason of my participation in Climbing Facility activities.

I understand that the University cannot guarantee absolute personal safety or protection from property loss. I understand that I share the responsibility for my safety and the safety of other Climbing Facility users. I will follow Climbing Facility safety rules and/or procedures established and will immediately make Climbing Facility representatives aware of any problems or risks I may foresee.

I have read and understand this Acknowledgment of Risk/Liability Release. I have had sufficient opportunity to ask questions about Climbing Facility use. I understand the contents of this form, and have had the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with a University representative of my choosing prior to signing it. My signature below is an acknowledgment of this understanding.

In addition to the RELEASE, the undersigned grants to the University of Puget Sound, or any of its officers, employees, student leaders or agents, full authority to take whatever action they feel is warranted to protect the health, safety and welfare of Facility users, and the undersigned agrees to be bound by any and all conditions and regulations relating to the Climbing Facility.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Name (Please Print) First MI Last

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date
(If user is under age 18)

Signature of User Date
Climbing Wall Membership, Safety Orientation and Belay Test 2013-2014

Climber Information:
E-Mail Address: ___________________________________________________
Local Address:_____________________________________________________

Bouldering Orientation

___ Bouldering height – hands no higher than posted signs and the bouldering height limit signs!

___ Safety: jumping before falling off, spotting, not climbing below, above or around other climbers.

___ Adhering to posted rules and regulations

___ Signed release form?

___ Climbing Wall Membership Fee paid: $20 by check or cash ________________

____________ Date ______________ Completed Bouldering Orientation: Instructor Signature

I ___________________ agree to follow the above rules of the climbing wall and understand that this is for my safety and the safety of others.

_____________________________________
Signature of user

Belay Test – required before rope use except during a Climbing class

___ Belay Test must be completed without help from Climbing wall Staff.

___ Explanation of when ropes are available

___ Tie-in: Must use a retraced figure-8 knot with appropriate safety knot

___ Double Check: B.A.R.K. (Buckles, Anchor, Repel/Belay Device, Knot)

___ Commands: Demonstrate proper climber/belayer verbal commands, including the use of each other's name.

___ Belay Techniques – with climber on the wall and instructor on back up belay

_____ Demonstrate use of "belay underhand brake technique"

_____ Ability to hold a fall

_____ Ability to lock off, and lower climber when ready using commands

____________ Date ______________ Completed Belay check: Instructor Signature

I ___________________ agree to follow the above rules of the climbing wall and understand that this is for my safety and the safety of others.

_____________________________________
Signature of user