

# WSU Climbing Wall and Bouldering Wall Rules

*All participants, observers, and staff must abide by the rules. The rules will be prominently displayed within the Climbing Wall area at all times. Individuals violating the Climbing Wall rules will be warned appropriately. The Climbing Wall staff reserves the exclusive right to expel any individuals failing to abide by the rules. The rules for the Climbing and Bouldering Walls are as follows:*

- No climbing or bouldering without completion of participant agreements and waivers.
- Check in at Outdoor Resource Center prior to participation in climbing, bouldering, or belaying.
- Passes must be visible to staff at all times. When finished return your pass to the office.
- Only commercially made climbing harnesses approved by WSU climbing staff may be used.
- Proper verbal commands are required.
- Double check all harnesses, knots, buckles, belay devices before climbing.
- Do not climb or boulder directly beneath or above another climber.
- Climbers must not climb faster than the belayer can take in slack.
- Do not climb off route when top roping.
- Gym shoes and climbing shoes only. No barefoot climbing or sandals.
- Socks must be worn with Outdoor Resource Center climbing shoes
- No lead climbing without proper certification.
- Remove all dangly jewelry before climbing and pull loose hair back.
- Empty pockets before climbing.
- Do not step on ropes.
- No belaying until successful completion of a belay workshop/test. Belayers must re-test at the start of each academic year.
- While bouldering on the top rope wall, hands must not go above the first roof line.
- All bouldering must be spotted using proper spotting techniques and a bouldering pad.
- No climbing above top anchors.
- No food in the climbing gym area. Water bottles are permitted (water only!).
- Be courteous to other climbers waiting to climb.
- Climbers who are not belay certified may only use staff belays for 15 minute intervals.
- Rest between climbs to avoid overuse injuries.
- Shirts must be worn at all times.
- No alcohol, dipping, smoking, or illegal drug use will be permitted.
- No harnessed climbing if pregnant or if you have received a kidney transplant.
- No profanity.
- Do not put fingers in or step on bolt hangers at any time.
- Only use the holds and the wall itself. Do not attempt to climb ropes or bolts.
- Staff reserves the right to refuse or revoke climbing privileges at their judgement.
- You may only climb at the wall three times before having to register for a belay class to become independent of climbing wall staff.
- No bouldering between the climbing wall and bouldering wall.
- All belayers must be at least 16 years of age.
- Report any problems to the climbing wall staff or Outdoor Resource Staff.