

Climbing Wall Policies

General Policies

- No loose chalk is allowed in our facility; liquid chalk only.
- Traversing on the tower is done at your own risk, your feet must stay below the red line.
- Bouldering is only allowed in designated areas with proper padding.
- A helmet and a leash are required when using dry tools or hooks in our facility, lead climbing with dry tools is prohibited.
- Appropriate closed-toe shoes must be worn to climb.
- Climbers may use personal equipment at their own risk; equipment must be manufactured for climbing. Maine Bound reserves the right to prohibit the use of any personal equipment at any time.
- Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- No gum, food, or drinks, with the exception of water, is permitted in the activity area.

Bouldering Policies

- Spotting is recommended at all times while on the bouldering wall, and when bouldering on the tower.
- It is the climber's responsibility to ensure that the fall zone is properly padded.
- Climbers may not climb under or directly next to another climber on the bouldering wall and when bouldering on the tower.

Top Rope Climbing Policies

- The belayer must be certified by Maine Bound to participate in gym climbing.
- Belayers are required to use the Punch/Pull Brake Under Slide (PBUS), or a similar method of belaying.
- Top rope climbing on the tower is only allowed when the tower is open, and staffed with a climbing wall instructor.

Lead Climbing Policies

- Only mock leading is allowed in our gym during open tower times, and the top rope belayer must still be certified by Maine Bound to participate.
- Both the lead climber and the lead belayer must be lead belay certified by Maine Bound to participate in gym lead climbing.
- Lead climbing tests, as well as general lead climbing, are only administered and allowed during advertised lead climbing times.
- The climbing routes on either side of a lead climber may not be used while someone is leading.
- The leader must clip all of the draws on the route they are climbing.
- Mock falls are prohibited during advertised lead climbing hours.