



CLIFFHANGER COQUITLAM **RULES AND SAFETY POLICIES**

- 1) All members must scan their cards at the front desk before using the facility.
 - 2) All belayers on the climbing floor must have passed a belay test. All lead climbers and lead belayers must have passed a lead orientation and test prior to using the lead climbing area. All belay techniques used must conform to the standard of the Cliffhanger belay test.
 - 3) Anyone on the raised blue protective flooring must fill out a liability waiver form and go through an orientation of the climbing facility
 - 4) Instruction of belay techniques to novices is not permitted in the facility unless it is done with Cliffhanger staff.
 - 5) Do not boulder above the established bouldering height of 14 feet. This means that your hands should not exceed the 14-foot level. Spotters are strongly recommended when bouldering. Use your judgment, and do not hesitate to provide a spot!
 - 6) Belayers may sit while belaying, but not lie down.
 - 7) The order of climbing priority within the gym is as follows:
 - Lead and Top-Roped climbers share highest priority with regards to right of way, followed then by boulderers.
 - Spectators must keep out of the way of all climbers, and make themselves aware of where climbers are above them. Look around, and please stay out of the way.
 - 8) Anchoring to the floor while belaying is not required, but is mandatory for belayers who are belaying someone 150% their weight (or near that). Novice belayers must also anchor down. Lead belayers are not permitted to belay lead climbers more than 150% their weight.
 - 9) Staff persons reserve the right to reject any climbing equipment they deem to be unsafe.
 - 10) All persons under 14 years of age must:
 - a. Be supervised by an adult, and are not permitted to belay - unless they are a member of the facility's *junior program*.
 - b. Have their harness checked by a staff member prior to climbing.
 - 11) Please communicate your climbing intentions to your climbing neighbors, and be especially diligent when it's busy. Monopolizing a route is an unpopular practice, as is "camping" on a route that is far too hard for you.
 - 12) Avoid climbing routes that interfere with others already on the climbing wall. This includes leaving at least one rope between any lead climber and other climbers. Note: Be aware that routes that wander dramatically in the lead area may place lead climbers in positions where a fall could injure a climber beside and below. As with all routes in the gym, please communicate with neighboring climbers, letting them know of your presence and your intentions.
 - 13) The clientele is asked to report anything hazardous to the attention of management including: spinning holds, frayed ropes, or a dangerous climbing gym user. Please don't hesitate to stop what you feel is a potentially dangerous situation.
 - 14) Please Do Not:
 - a. eat or drink on the raised blue carpeted area.
 - b. use loose chalk. Chalk balls only.
 - c. climb or walk around in bare feet
 - d. write on the walls with chalk or anything else.
 - e. bring pets into the facility.
 - f. bring bicycles into the facility.
 - g. wear rings on fingers while climbing.
 - h. bring ringing cell phones (cell phones off please), chairs, water bottles, or anything else onto the climbing gym floor.
 - i. display a bad attitude. Be courteous to your fellow climbers.
 - j. wear anything on your harness other than what you need to do the routes (chalk bag and belay device). Unnecessary items have a way of falling off and hurting others (e.g. cell phones, water bottles, gear racks, packs, and water bottles).
- CLIFFHANGER STAFF RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE YOUR CLIMBING PRIVILEGES IF THESE RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STAFF AND CLIENTELE TO KNOW THE RULES, STAY AHEAD OF THE RULES, AND FOLLOW THE RULES.**