



Lead Climbing/Belay Policies

- Three-Strike system
 - Individuals may receive strikes for lead climbing or belaying infractions. Infractions may include but are not limited to:
 - Skipping any clips (climbers are permitted to only clip one of the two carabiners at the anchor)
 - Spiking climbers
 - Dropping falling climbers too far
 - Improper belay technique
 - Climbing after improperly tying in or setting up the belay
 - Tying in with the wrong knot or belaying with the wrong device
 - Any infraction that would warrant a “fail” during a lead test
 - Climbers may be administered 3 strikes or have their privileges revoked for major infractions such as
 - Dropping climbers to the floor
 - Major belay infractions
 - Grigri loaded backwards
 - Grigri not properly loaded
- A climber or belayer who receives 3 strikes will have their approval revoked and must retake the lead test before leading again
- Only a Grigri 2 or newer device may be used for lead belaying in a Climb facility
- Climbers may only tie in with a figure-8 follow through and should not “finish” the knot in any way
- Climbers are not allowed to skip any quick draws
- Customers must adhere to the manufacturer’s guidelines on any gear they are using
- Back leading is not allowed in Climb facilities
- Top roping from a lead anchor is not permitted
- Climbers and belayers are responsible for their own decisions
- Lead instruction is not allowed by anyone other than Climb Instructors in any Climb facility.
- Lead/Belay tags must be displayed at all times
- Persons under the age of 13 are not permitted to lead climb or belay
- Recommended that belayers are 70% or more of climbers weight. It is recommended that climbers/belayers use an Edelrid Ohm to make up for great differences in weight
- Climbers and belayers must adhere to lead test standards at all times
- Any individual who has participated in a lead clinic provided by Climb instructors may mock lead climb. The same individual must pass the lead test with an approved tester (not their lead clinic instructor) their next visit to the gym before lead climbing
 - A short mock belaying rope is available for checkout at the front desk

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- Climber must be clipped into auto belay or be belayed on top rope
- No practice falling
- Mock belaying is **not** allowed to prevent entanglement and other hazards
- Lead belayers are encouraged to wear close-toed shoes when belaying