



Climbing Wall Maintenance Check List for Reopening

Following this extended period of closure, it will be essential for all walls to conduct thorough safety checks of the building, climbing surfaces and equipment prior to reopening. Climbing Wall Services have observed a number of issues recurring at the walls they have visited which we have shared below along with some advice from the board on things to look out for and which will need special attention.

1. Water ingress to panels and substructure along with associated issues
2. Condensation causing corrosion to mild steel hardware, bolts, substructure, and carabiners
3. Some quickdraw carabiners are malfunctioning due to corrosion
4. Increased corrosion both on metalwork generally and specifically on Fixe Inox V Hangs
5. General damp due to lack of air circulation etc.
6. Auto Belays should be released, not left extended, if not being used for a long period of time
7. Pest control; due to a decrease in using the building there might be an uptick in pests
8. Most insurance policies say buildings should be checked every (x) days or the building could be uninsured; this tends to particularly apply around water leaks

Please do let us know if you come across anything else which you think should be an industry wide consideration by sending an email to admin@abcwalls.co.uk