



LETTER FOR PARENTS

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Dear Parents,

Your child's group is planning a field trip to our facility. We are providing this letter to help you understand the concept of a climbing gym and to let you know exactly what your child will be doing on his or her visit. We've had extremely positive feedback from all group visits to The Boiler Room.

Indoor wall climbing is a sister sport to traditional outdoor rock climbing with some important differences. An indoor climbing gym has sculpted hand and foot holds all over the walls, from floor to ceiling, with safety ropes permanently installed to ground anchors. The indoor environment provides a safe experience and allows us to create interesting climbing routes of any difficulty level from beginner to world class. We currently have 40 different routes, over 80 different climbs, and a 100' high chimney -- the highest indoor climb in Canada.

Climbing is a sport that challenges a participant in many different ways -- physical strength plays a part, but equally important are attitude, strategy, and flexibility. Climbers as young as 3 have scaled the 30ft (9m) walls at The Boiler Room but most begin seriously at age 7 and older. The sport is very popular with teens, young adults, fitness conscious families, and older adults who are looking for a low impact activity that builds strength.

While climbing at height, participants wear a safety harness, which is tied into a rope system. This safety rope system can be operated by anyone 14 years of age and older, who has been thoroughly trained and certified by the gym's staff. First time climbers aged 14 or older always start with a lesson to ensure a complete understanding of the rope and harness system as well as basic knowledge about climbing. We teach them how to operate the safety ropes (belaying) and how to tie the rope to the harness. We usually staff at a ratio of 6:1 for this training. Children under 14 are welcome to climb, but do not operate the ropes -- this is normally done by parents or other volunteers brought by the group.

Please note that the attached **Informed Consent Agreement** must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian for those under the age of 18. Our insurance company is very particular about this form and we cannot accept incomplete forms. Although this form is a bit intimidating, we can assure you that we have had many thousand visits to the gym with no significant accidents. We conform to or exceed all of the OIA Climbing Gym Association's safety standards for procedures and equipment.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter in our gym. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us, or stop by to see our facility for yourself. We'll be happy to show you around and answer your questions. Although we open for groups of 10 or more at any time, our regular hours are:

Labour Day – June 30th: Weekdays 4:00pm to 10:30, Weekends 10:00am to 7:00pm.
July 2nd – Labour Day: Weekdays 1:00pm to 10pm, Weekends 10:00am to 7:00pm.

Sincerely,

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Staff Use Only

Climb Only

14 +

Belay trained / checked by: _____

Code: _____

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS (UNDER 18)

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INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18. PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS & USE INK.

Last Name:																			Date of Birth		
First Name:																			Month:	Day:	Year:

Address: _____ City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal Code/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Can your child demonstrate how to (Check "✓" if yes):

Put on a climbing harness?

Tie a figure 8 knot?

Belay with a "Gri-Gri"?

Rules and Instructions

I understand that the rules of the gym as posted and the instructions given by staff member(s) of The Boiler Room Climbing Gym, are important for my child's safety and must be followed. I understand that the safety systems used at other climbing gyms and for outdoor climbing may be different and what my child learns here may not apply elsewhere.

Description of Risks

In consideration of my child being permitted to use the facilities of The Boiler Room Climbing Gym, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks associated or related to indoor rock climbing and to my child's use of the facilities (INCLUDING THE RISK OF SEVERE OR FATAL INJURY TO MY CHILD OR OTHERS), which include but are not limited to:

1. Injuries resulting from executing strenuous and demanding physical manoeuvres while participating in activities at The Boiler Room Climbing Gym.
2. Injuries resulting from falling, including but not limited to, falling into other persons, falling and coming into contact with any walls, structures or ropes, or falling to the floor, whether accidental or related to faulty belaying.
3. Injuries resulting from the fall of other persons, or objects such as broken holds, that may come in contact with my child.
4. Injuries, which can be severe or fatal, resulting from my child's failure to properly use the facilities, climbing walls or equipment of the Boiler Room Climbing Gym.
5. Injuries, which can be severe or fatal, resulting from the mechanical failure of equipment, including but not being limited to ropes, carabiners, quick draws, bolt hangers, and all anchors, except in the case of negligence.

Release

I agree to be solely responsible for any injury, loss or damage that my child might sustain while participating in activities at The Boiler Room Climbing Gym. I agree to release Breakthrough Associates Inc., its directors, owners, employees, volunteers, contracted staff and landlords from all responsibility for such injury, loss or damage.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and that I fully understand, appreciate, and accept the physical risks associated with my child's participation in activities at The Boiler Room Climbing Gym. I warrant that the information I have provided is accurate and complete.

Date: _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (please print clearly): _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

(You must be 18 years of age or older to sign this agreement)