

VIRG AGE POLICY

Kids of all ages are *welcome* ...with appropriate supervision!

Climbing Adventures

Kids 12 and under (\$18.50 per child)

must be accompanied by a parent or adult who is on the floor to supervise and belay. Kids 12 and under cannot belay each other in a Climbing Adventure. There is a 4 to 1 adult to child maximum for supervision (i.e. dad cannot bring in nine 8 year olds!)

Kids 13+ (\$26.99 per participant) - No parent required to belay.

Must have a signed waiver on file. Kids can belay each other.

Weight issues must be addressed with small 13 year olds belaying their parents.

VIRG Courses

(including Birthdays, school groups, Just Climbing and semester programs)

The minimum age for our programs is 5 years old. Children 5 to 9 require more supervision and therefore cost slightly more. You are welcome to bring your *younger* children climbing on your own (See Climbing Adventure or Open Climbing) so they have more direct and personal supervision.

Kids must be at least 10 years old to belay in our supervised courses (Grigri belaying only). The instructor will make the final decision if the group is mature and attentive enough to allow them to belay.

Open Climbing

Being Belayed by Parents (for *Climbing Adventure* see above). If you are a belay certified climber here at VIRG you can belay your child of 5 years plus. The gym is not designed for little kids and there are only a few walls with appropriate handhold density for their wee little reach.

Belaying

10 - 13 years – Minimum age for belaying is 10 years - must have taken a semester program here at VIRG or equivalent to take a belay check. Grigri belay devices only for kids 13 years and under. Children 12 and under must still be accompanied by a parent or adult on the floor to supervise.

14 years + Can take VIRG Belay check with ATC, plate, etc.

Leading – Must pass VIRG lead check. 14 years +. Exceptions made for VIRG Climbing Club and VIRG Jr. Team members.

Thanks and
Climb Safe!

