



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SECTION 1 — IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1.1** By purchasing, assembling, and using the Monkey Bar Frame, you agree to follow all assembly, installation, safety, and maintenance instructions in this manual.
- 1.2** Read this entire manual before starting assembly. If anything is unclear, contact Monkey Bar Store for guidance.
- 1.3** This product is engineered for safe use; however, misuse, improper installation, unsuitable ground conditions, or inadequate supervision can result in injury.
- 1.4** Nothing in these instructions limits or excludes liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence. Subject to that, the manufacturer assumes no liability for injuries or damage resulting from misuse, improper installation, or failure to follow instructions.
- 1.5** Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

SECTION 2 — ASSEMBLY & INSTALLATION

- 2.1** Keep small children away from the assembly area at all times.
- 2.2** Do NOT use the Monkey Bar Frame until it is fully assembled, aligned, tightened, and all stability checks are complete.
- 2.3** Two people are strongly recommended for safe assembly.
- 2.4** All fittings must be tightened according to the instructions. Once the frame is fully aligned, **tighten all grub screws to maximum achievable torque** using the tools provided.
- 2.5** Review the entire assembly guide before starting. Do not skip steps.
- 2.6** Ensure all tubes are fully inserted into their fittings before tightening.

2.7 — Ground Pegs

Install ground pegs at every base plate.

Pegs minimise lateral sliding on grass and assist stability.

They are not structural anchors and do not replace correct assembly or supervision.

2.8 — Fall Zone

Maintain a clear area of **1.5–2 m (5–6.5 ft)** around the elevated hanging zones.

Schools may require larger fall zones based on their own risk assessment.

2.9 — Ground Conditions & Slopes

Install the frame on level or slightly sloping ground.

Slight gradients are acceptable provided all base plates have solid ground contact and the frame is aligned as instructed.

2.10 — Clearances

Keep the frame away from fences, garages, walls, play structures, trees, sheds, overhead lines, and windows.

2.11 — Height Adjustment & Intended Use

Adjust bar height according to user needs.

The frame is suitable for:

- Adults and children
- Gymnastics
- Calisthenics
- Parkour-style movements

All use must remain within load limits and appropriate supervision.

2.12 Choose the most level surface available. If installing on a slope, adjust leg heights so the ladder is horizontal and the frame sits square and stable.

SECTION 3 — SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Use the equipment only after completing all alignment, tightening, and stability checks.
- 3.2 Users must not climb, sit, or stand on top of horizontal or diagonal structural elements unless designed for that purpose.
- 3.3 Ensure all activities performed on the frame fall within the types of movements the equipment is designed for. Do not apply forces or loads that the structure would not reasonably be expected to withstand.
- 3.4 Children must be supervised at all times.
- 3.5 Crash mats or gym mats are recommended when practising new skills, high-intensity movements, or gymnastics.
- 3.6 Do not attach unapproved accessories or equipment to the frame.
- 3.7 Do not use the frame while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication that impairs judgement or balance.
- 3.8 Wear appropriate clothing. Avoid scarves, long drawstrings, belts, or accessories that may catch or snag.

3.9 — Behaviour Expectations

Improper or deliberate misuse can create instability, especially when:

- Multiple users swing aggressively on one side
- Users intentionally push or rock the frame
- Dynamic movements are performed on a single end

Such activity must be supervised and controlled.

SECTION 4 — STABILITY, ALIGNMENT & GROUND CONDITIONS

4.1 — Freestanding Structure

The Monkey Bar Frame is a **freestanding steel structure**. Stability is achieved through:

- Structural geometry
- Frame weight
- Even ground contact at all base plates
- Correct tightening of fittings
- Ground pegs minimising lateral movement

4.2 — Installing on Slopes

The frame can be installed on slight gradients provided:

- Legs are adjusted to achieve vertical alignment
- The monkey ladder is horizontal
- All base plates remain fully grounded
- Pegs are correctly installed

4.3 — Ground Conditions

Ground must be firm, compact, and not prone to excessive softening.

Avoid waterlogged soil, deep mud, steep slopes, or loose fill that may shift.

4.4 — Stability Considerations

Certain movements increase lateral load on the structure.

Supervision must prevent:

- Coordinated swinging by several users on one side
- Side-loading beyond intended design
- Attempting to tip or lift the frame

4.5 — Stop Use if Unstable

If movement, shifting, or leaning is observed, stop use immediately and inspect.

SECTION 5 — MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

5.1 — Before Use on a Play Day (Quick Visual Check)

Before the first play session on any day the frame is used, carry out a brief visual check:

- Confirm the frame looks stable and square (no obvious leaning or twisting).
- Ensure the ground around each base plate is firm and level with no deep mud, holes, or washout.
- For frames with moving accessories (swings, rings, trolleys, etc.), check they move freely and show no obvious damage or fraying.
- This is a fast safety glance, not a tightening session.

5.2 — Fixing Checks Every 1–2 Weeks

Every 1–2 weeks during the play season:

- Check all main connections and hardware (bolts, grub screws, clamps) for tightness and tighten as required.
- Check all ground pegs are fully inserted and secure.
- Inspect protective caps or coverings on bolts, tube ends, edges, and corners. Replace if loose, cracked, or missing.
- For frames with moving accessories, inspect all shackles, snap hooks, chains, ropes, straps, or trolleys for wear, rust, or deterioration.

5.3 — After Initial Assembly (Essential)

After the first 2 weeks of use, tighten all fittings again.

This accounts for natural bedding-in of the steel connections.

5.4 — Monthly Structural Inspection

Once each month during the play season:

- Inspect the frame for signs of corrosion, paint wear, or material damage.
- Check for any bending, deformation, or change in position due to ground settlement.
- Confirm all base plates maintain solid ground contact.
- Lightly lubricate metallic moving parts (e.g., swing hooks, bearings, trolleys) if movement becomes noisy or stiff.
- Ensure all warning labels and safety stickers remain present and legible.

5.5 — After Severe Weather or Ground Softening

Following heavy rain, frost, flooding, or significant ground movement:

- Confirm ground pegs remain fully inserted.
- Check all base plates are in full contact with the ground.
- Re-check frame alignment and overall stability.
- If noticeable movement has occurred, stop use and investigate.

5.6 — When to Remove the Frame from Use

Stop use immediately and seek advice or repair if you notice:

- Cracked, bent, or heavily corroded structural components
- Loose joints that cannot be tightened
- Significant movement or rocking of the frame under load
- Damaged or excessive wear to moving parts (swings, ropes, trolleys, chains, straps)
- Do not allow use again until issues are fully resolved.

SECTION 6 — USER RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 The owner/operator (homeowner or school) is responsible for:

- Choosing a suitable installation site
- Ensuring appropriate supervision
- Establishing rules of use
- Conducting routine inspections
- Preventing deliberate misuse
- Maintaining safe ground conditions

6.2 Schools must complete a **site-specific risk assessment** before allowing pupils to use the equipment.

6.3 The frame must only be used for activities appropriate to user ability and supervision levels.

SECTION 7 — WARRANTY & LIABILITY

7.1 Monkey Bar Store designs and supplies this equipment using reasonable care and skill. Nothing in this manual limits liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence.

7.2 Subject to statutory rights, Monkey Bar Store is not responsible for injury or damage resulting from:

- Incorrect installation
- Misuse or deliberate misuse
- Inadequate supervision
- Failure to inspect or maintain
- Overloading
- Unauthorised modifications
- Use with non-approved accessories

7.3 The owner/operator is responsible for ensuring the equipment remains safe for use throughout its lifecycle.

7.4 By assembling and using the Monkey Bar Frame, you acknowledge and accept the inherent risks associated with climbing, swinging, gymnastics, and parkour-style activities.

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