

Risk Assessment



Southampton University Mountaineering Club and its members recognise and accept the BMC Participation Statement:

"Climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement."

Activity/Task	Weekend Meets
Assessor (Position)	Jessie Brice (Safety)
Date	10/08/2018

Activity Description	Fortnightly weekends away to popular outdoor climbing crags around the UK. Will usually leave on Friday evening with 1-2 minibuses plus any additional car drivers and go and stay in a pre-booked scout hut local to the climbing area. Members then spend the Saturday and Sunday climbing before returning Sunday evening. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided for all members throughout the weekend.
Additional Notes	

All risk assessments are to be checked and signed off by the Club's Safety Secretary and President (or Vice President if necessary), except where either of these persons is the assessor in which case the other must still check and sign. Completed risk assessments should be held by the club and where necessary by the Student Activities Office in SUSU.

Checked by (Position)	Phoebe Crane (Vice-President)
Date	20/03/2019
Checked by (Position)	Other Committee member relevant to the Risk Assessment
Date	20/03/2019

	Inherent Risk		Residual Risk
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Hazard	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk	Controls	Likelihood (1-5)	Severity (1-5)	Risk
Risk of fire in huts or vehicles. Leading to possible severe burns, smoke inhalation and death.	2	5	High	Do not allow smoking inside vehicles or huts. Make sure cooking is never left unattended. Make sure everyone is aware of the fire exits and fire assembly points.	2	2	Low
Vehicles being involved in a road traffic collision	3	5	High	Make sure minibuses are only driven by those who have passed the university minibus test. Make sure all minibuses have two drivers so that there is a backup in case of injury and so that drivers can swap in order to facilitate breaks. Make sure drivers do take regular breaks to avoid fatigue and that drivers remain fed and hydrated. Ensure that any members bringing their own transport do so at their own risk and advise having an additional insured driver with them for longer drives.	3	5	High
Members, especially new ones, being exposed to the rain and cold for too long without sufficient clothing/gear. This could lead to hypothermia. Or being in the sun too long and developing sun burn/heat stroke.	4	2	Medium	Members are responsible for bringing plenty of warm clothing and a waterproof, as well as sunglasses/hats and suncream as necessary. Seek shelter if weather is too severe. Monitor weather forecast and if severe do not stray too far from shelter. At all times do not let poorly equipped people stray too far from shelter, i.e. hut; vehicles, etc. Have experienced members bring extra outdoor clothing to lend new members if they don't have any. Kitlist available for those who are unfamiliar with the necessary equipment to bring.	4	1	Low
Members tripping/falling whilst walking on meets. Especially when offroad. Leading to minor cuts and bruises, sprained ankles and/or concussion.	5	1	Medium	Members are responsible for bringing sensible footwear. i.e. walking boots, trainers or other sturdy flat soled shoes. Stick to paths where possible and always use recommended approaches to crags suggested by guidebooks. Do not let people leave the hut/vehicles without suitable footwear and those more experienced with walking offroad give advice to novices. Kitlist available for those who are unfamiliar with the necessary equipment to bring.	4	1	Low
Causing injury to self whilst cooking, such as when handling hot objects or knives. Could lead to minor burns and/or cuts.	4	2	Medium	Do not allow too many people to cook at once preventing congestion. Only use properly sharpened knives on purpose built chopping boards. Make sure people carry knives safely with blade pointing down and away from self. Do not give people tasks they are not comfortable with. Only use ovens, microwaves etc. as intended. Follow any safety instructions given by the hut for the kitchen use.	4	1	Low
Preparation of food that is either not cooked properly, or that a member is allergic to. Leading to food poisoning or an allergic reaction.	4	4	High	Make sure all those involved in food preparation wash hands thoroughly. Serve no food based on raw meat or eggs. Cook all food properly. Store all food correctly as instructed on packaging. Check all ingredients are in date before cooking. Make sure all members provide dietary and medical conditions and cross check the food bought with the requirements of those coming both before buying the food and preparing it. As a general note: Vegetarian food is less prone to causing food poisoning, eg. by undercooking when cooking with unfamiliar equipment	4	1	Medium
Drivers of vehicles becoming lost or stranded. This could lead to members not being able to access the prearranged shelter and food.	4	1	Low	Issue all drivers with directions before leaving. Make sure address of destination is well publicised and the meet leader has the phone number of all members attending so that they can be contacted. Also make sure the contact number for the meet leader is given to all drivers.	4	1	Low
Members becoming separated from the group and lost whilst walking to climbing destination, or whilst on alternative walks. This could lead to members not being able to access the prearranged shelter and food.	4	1	Low	Ensure Meet Sec (or nominated committee member) carries list of all attendees contact details. Make sure that new members or those unfamiliar with the territory are always accompanied by more experienced members. Members leaving the main group to inform a member of the committee of their plans. Agree pre-arranged meeting points at specific times for the end of the day or specific activity.	4	1	Low
Entanglement	2	1	Low	Appropriate clothing to be worn, no jewellery to be worn.	2	3	Medium

Previous medical conditions	3	4	High	Ensure that members of climbing party are aware of any previous medical conditions, and are aware of any action that may need to be taken. Climbers participate at their own risk.	3	2	Low
Strain	2	2	Low	Appropriate warm and cool down exercises to be undertaken	1	2	low
Dehydration	2	2	Low	Drink water throughout	2	2	low