



Southampton University Mountaineering Club

Risk Assessment: Christmas Trip

Activity or Task	Christmas Trip to Casablanca, Spain
Assessor (Position)	Josie Meredith
Date	30/11/2022
Activity Description	Christmas trip to Casablanca, Spain, including 8 night overnight stay.
Additional Notes	To be used in conjunction with the transport risk assessment, as well as the risk assessment for any activities being undertaken throughout the trip
Checked by (Position)	Peter Higman (Safety and Skills)
Date	30/11/2022
Checked by (Position)	Josie Meredith (Vice President)
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Hazard	Effect	Inherent Risk			Controls	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
Terrorism, natural disasters, hostage/political situations.	Injury, imprisonment etc.	2	5	High	Travellers advised to: keep updated with both the FCO website and news coverage, for current information related to your destination. Be aware of suspicious behaviour, particularly near public buildings, structures or bridges, also inside buildings at specific entry/exit points, stairwells, hallways or fire escapes. Be aware of vehicles parked in suspicious circumstances, possible watching a building or structure, also slow moving vehicles, near public buildings, structures or bridges.	1	5	Low
Adverse weather conditions	Delays, anxiety, additional costs, Injury	2	3	Medium	Travellers advised to: research possibility of adverse weather conditions, prior to travel, keeping updated with news coverage and weather forecasts, it may include your destination. ensure they are adequately prepared for extreme weather conditions, either hot, cold, fog, flood, ice, snow etc... travel to their destination, only if it is safe to do so	1	3	Low
Lack of awareness of country/area, local laws and customs	Consequential reaction of others to non-adherence or understanding of laws, tradition, religious and cultural customs.	3	3	High	Travelers should make themselves aware of local laws and customs. Travelers should also not take any unnecessary risks that they wouldnt otherwise do while in the UK	1	3	Low
Loss of passport, driving licence, money, belongings.	Consequences leading to stress and isolation, inconvenience and financial loss due to loss or theft of documents or fraudulent use.	3	3	High	Travellers are advised: to keep passports with them, secured, if possible, to use secure storage in accommodation. Do not leave valuables on display, carry documents, cards or cash discreetly; carry bags across body rather than on shoulder. To have back-up arrangements and contact number in case of theft. To have access to a copy of their passport/driving licence, as proof of identity, and an appropriate credit card that can be used to pay for expenses if money is lost or stolen. To have access to emergency numbers to cancel lost or stolen cards and make arrangements to obtain alternative monies.	1	3	Low
Fire	Burns and death	1	5	Low	In addition to standard operating procedures, people shall be briefed by the meets secretaries to avoid congregating and leaving personal items in the way of the fire exit. Do not allow smoking inside minibuses and huts.	1	2	Low
Entanglement	Asphyxiation	2	1	Low	Appropriate clothing to be worn, no jewellery to be worn.	2	3	Low

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Previous medical conditions	Various	3	4	Medium	Ensure that members of climbing party are aware of any previous medical conditions (through the website profiles or otherwise), and are aware of any action that may need to be taken. Climbers participate at their own risk.	3	2	Low
Dehydration	Personal Injury	2	2	Low	Water bottles to be bought to all meets by all climbers.	2	2	Low
Vehicles being involved in road collisions	Various	2	5	Medium	Drivers must hold a suitable driving licence and feel confident driving. If drivers are tired during drive, breaks must be taken. Minibuses must only be driven by those who have undertaken the university minibus test. All minibuses must have two drivers so drivers can swap throughout drive. Drivers must ensure they are well fed and hydrated throughout drive.	1	2	Low
Members (especially new members) being exposed to harsh weather conditions	Hypothermia, shock, dehydration	4	2	Low	New member must be made aware of kit-list on the SUMC website. Climbers are responsible to bring enough suitable clothing for themselves, including raincoats, warm clothing, sunhats, sunglasses. Weather forecast must be monitored by climbers, especially by meet secretaries to ensure weather conditions are suitable for climbing. Poorly equipped members must not stray far from shelter. Have experienced members bring extra clothing for less experience members if they are not well equipped.	2	1	Low
Members tripping/falling	Personal Injury (Breaks, strains, concussions)	3	2	Low	Climbers must bring suitable footwear to meets (eg. walking shoes, trainers, shoes with high support). Climbers must stick to paths where possible and use suggested approaches to crags.	2	1	Low
Injury caused whilst cooking or due to food	Burns, cuts, food poisoning	4	4	High	Small number of people must cook inside kitchen to avoid congestion. No food involving raw meat or eggs must be cooked. All food requiring heating must be thoroughly heated before serving. All ingredients must be confirmed to be in date by cooks before use. All members with dietary requirements are responsible for alerting meet secretaries of requirements. All cooks must practice safe knife skills, as well as being careful around hobs/ovens.	2	2	Low
Drivers become lost or stranded	Members not havign access to food or shelter, leading to dehydration, exhaustion, stress	3	3	Medium	All driver must be given clear directions to locations before departures by meet secretaries. Meet secretaries must have the contact numbers of all drivers. Drivers must also have the contact numbers of the meet secretaries.	3	2	Low

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Members becoming separated from group	Dehydrations, exhaustions, personal injury, stress	4	3	Medium	Climbers must ensure they alert others of their location or intention to move before during so. Ensure a meet secretary carries a list of all attendees and checks this list before departure from locations. New members or those unfamiliar with the area must always be accompanied by a more experienced member.	2	2	Low
SARS-CoV-2 (Novel Coronavirus)	COVID-19 (Flu-like symptoms, death in those who are at risk, transmission to those at risk, transmission to those not at risk leading to an epidemic)	5	3	High	Climbers must use hand sanitiser before/after climbs. If any person(s) show any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend weekend meets. Travel risk assessment will be adhered to, ensuring that the risk of COVID-19 transmission is minimised during travel to the meet. All attendees must have proof of a negative lateral flow test before attending the meet.	2	3	Low

