



Southampton University Mountaineering Club

Risk Assessment: Weekend Meets

Activity or Task	Weekend Meets
Assessor (Position)	Ellie Tang (President)
Date	31/08/2022
Activity Description	Weekend meets to be undertaken in popular crags around the UK. Meets usually occur from Friday evening to Sunday evening, with cars as well as minibuses being used as transport methods.
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 meet.
Checked by (Position)	Ellie Tang (President)
Date	31/08/2022
Checked by (Position)	Josie Meredith (Vice President)
Date	31/08/2022

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Hazard	Effect	Inherent Risk			Controls	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
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
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 on meets	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

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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
Members becoming separated from group	Dehydrations, exhausions, 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 by 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

