

CHAmois Mountaineering Club

Health & Safety Policy

The Committee recognises that members of the club and their guests are faced with a variety of risks whilst involved in club activities. The Committee also recognises that it, as elected by the membership have a duty of care to all members and members guests.

In relation to activities in the mountains of members and members guests, particularly when on organised club meets, the Committee recognises and endorses the British Mountaineering Council's Participation Statement :

"The BMC recognises that climbing 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."

The Committee, on behalf of the club expects all members and members guests to accept the principles of the BMC Statement. Whilst acknowledging these hazards, the Committee is determined to reduce these risks as far as reasonably practical, and as far as they are within their control.

The aims of the Clubs Health and Safety Policy are :

To encourage a safe approach to the mountain, and other activities of members and members guests whilst on club meets.

Club Meet

A Meet is any gathering of the club that is published in the Meets Programme. Participants are members and members guests (Including prospective members) of the Club who are assembled for the purposes of the meet. Club Meets are an opportunity for members and members guests to get together and participate in their own activities. The Club will not provide led or guided mountain activities, each Meet will have a named co-ordinator, whose role is to oversee the administrative details of the meet and act as a focal point for participants. It is not the role of the co-ordinator to check the health, fitness, equipment or competence of participants for their intended activity.

Members children and Members guests children must be under the supervision of a parent or other adult 'in loco parentis' who is responsible for the child's welfare and behaviour at all times while the child is taking part in Club activities.

The primary objective of the club is to encourage mountaineering. This activity has its risks as expressed by the BMC Participation Statement. The Club does not accept any responsibility for the mountaineering activities of its members or members guests. Members and members guests are encouraged to use appropriate equipment and clothing for the activity planned using their own experience and taking into account the prevailing conditions. It is the responsibility of individual members and members guests to assess the risks of the intended activity before participation, by discussing the intended activity with other members of the group.

Members and members guests are encouraged to complete a Route Guide, giving details of the planned activity and expected return time.

Members and members guests are individually responsible for having appropriate insurance including Third Party Liability Cover (The CHAmois Mountaineering Club, is affiliated to the BMC, and members have Third Party Cover via the BMC)