

The Chamois Mountaineering Centre

Health & Safety Policy

The Chamois Mountaineering Club Ltd recognises that members of the club, their guests and users of the Centre are faced with a variety of risks whilst staying at the Centre. The club also recognises that it has a duty of care to all members, members guests and users of the Centre. The Chamois Mountaineering Club (CMC) aims to exceed all statutory requirements in the maintenance and operation of the Chamois Mountaineering Centre. The CMC has systems in place to maintain upkeep of the premises and ensure the safety of all hut users

The aim of the Centre's Health and Safety Policy is to provide club premises that are safe for all members, members guests, visitors and contractors.

To implement this policy the club elects a Committee which includes a Hut Warden, who is an officer of the club.

Fire Safety

- Members, members guests and visitors must sign the register on arrival as this is used as a roll call in the event of a fire (or practice)
- The use of naked flames such as candles is discouraged.
- The fire must be extinguished before leaving the premises.
- All personal electrical equipment must be switched off and unplugged before leaving the hut.
- The Centre is fitted with a fire alarm system, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers and are checked annually, by approved contractors.
- Fire Exits are clearly marked. All exits and escape routes must be kept clear at all times. Fire Assembly Point is in the CAR PARK.

Gas Safety

- Gas is used for cooking and the supply and appliances are checked by an approved contractor

Electrical Safety

- The electrical supply is modern and complies with regulations.
- Fixed Equipment is checked by an approved contractor..
- Portable equipment (PAT) is checked by a qualified person, according to a schedule appropriate to the appliance.

Water Quality

- The Centre is provided with water via a local private reservoir which is treated on entry to the Centre via UV. The equipment is serviced during each work meet.

Chemical Safety

- Only domestic chemicals are used in the Centre for everyday use; any Industrial chemicals used on workmeets are subject to individual risk assessment at the time of usage

Heating

- There is an oil fired boiler for heating and provision of hot water. This is serviced annually by an approved contractor.

Work Meets

- The Club has at least two work meets a year to complete maintenance tasks and upgrading of facilities. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided by the Club to members and members' guests, appropriate to the task. Risk assessments for standard tasks state the required level of PPE, non-standard tasks are subject to risk assessment prior to task commencement.

This policy is reviewed annually, or as required by significant changes in facilities.

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