

Club Trip Participation Statement

The BMSCMC is purely a Club to promote climbing and mountaineering (and mountain related activities) for its members. The Club has no mandate to train members or prospective members and members are responsible for themselves at all times during any Club activity. To ensure we are all mindful of the risks, our responsibilities, the duty of care we owe to each other and our liabilities, this document has been shared with you prior to our next Club trip.

All Members agree:

1. To read and understand the following documents:
 - a. Risk, Responsibility, Duty of Care and Liability Summary;
 - b. Risk, Responsibility, Duty of Care and Liability – Club Guidelines;
 - c. Insurance – Club Guidelines.
2. To accept the BMC participation statement:
 - a. "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."
 - b. With this in mind, members should seek to be informed about the risks involved, so that they can make informed decisions in their own right, of activities they understand and recognise are within their physical and mental capacity.
3. To be aware of the duty of care they owe all other participants and members of the public. This includes the concepts of the 'Neighbour Test' and '*Volenti non fit injuria*'.
4. To accept that those perceived as 'in charge', or in any lead role, are not necessarily qualified, are not regarded by the Club or regard themselves as technical experts, but are amateur walkers, climbers and mountaineers with some experience who are happy to impart their knowledge and that any advice given be viewed with this in mind by the recipient.
5. To accept that there may be guests and non-members in the company of a member on this trip and that they may not have liability insurance cover. This may lead you to change what activities you do or with whom you do them.
6. To agree to be responsible to inform and manage any guests or prospective members, that a member personally invites, including informing them of the Club Trip Participation Statement.

All members giving guidance or advice agree:

7. To be aware of the duty of care they owe particularly to those they give advice or guidance to. This includes the concepts of the 'Neighbour Test' and '*Volenti non fit injuria*'.
8. That duty of care applies proportionally to more experienced persons, who are expected to act within the context of their own knowledge and experience, such as to choose reasonable objectives within the expected physical and mental capability of all participants.
9. To have an awareness of likely hazards, to make those hazards clear to those involved, to manage the risks effectively, to respond appropriately to changing circumstances and to be aware of appropriate responses in the event of an emergency.