**Organised outdoor group activity – Mitigating against the Risks**



This is the risk assessment covering Peak Climbing Club evening local crag meets in 2021

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| **Club/organisation name** | Peak Climbing Club | **Date of activity** | *Summer 2021* |
| **Activity Organiser / Leader** | Trevor Wilson – Tuesday Nights  Steve Lismore – Thursday Nights | **Date of risk assessment** | *02/04/21* |
| **Other volunteers** | PCC committee members ad hoc |  |  |
| **Location of activity** | Eastern edges, Derbyshire |  |  |

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| **Risk of transmission of COVID-19** | **Who might be at risk of spreading COVID-19?** | **Ways to control the risk** | **Action taken** |
| **PRE-MEET (PLANNING)** | |  |  |
| Through close contact with other people during the activity | Participants  Members of the public | Consider planning the activity for a less busy time and/or at a quieter location. | *Venue selected for size and ability to spread out* |
| Avoid particularly busy or narrow routes and locations where physical distancing is not possible. | *Advice communicated in briefing document* |
| Give clear information about limiting the group size up to a maximum identified for the meet. | *Communicated in briefing document and sign-up sheet. Venue selected for ability to spread to multiple areas/crags* |
| Remind participants beforehand about relevant current government guidelines. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Suggest participants bring hand sanitiser and/or anti-bacterial wipes for personal use. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Advise participants to provide their own equipment, such as small personal first aid kit, bothy bag / survival bag, and food and drink. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Remind members that if they have a shielding letter or if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus, or live with someone with symptoms, they must not attend. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Ensure you have a record of who has booked on. | *Sign-up via Google form required to join meet* |
| Through close contact with other people while travelling to / from the activity | Participants  Members of the public  Public transport staff | Remind participants of the current regulations regarding car sharing | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Remind participants of the current regulations regarding face coverings on public transport | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Consider a meeting venue with suitable parking – sufficient for the number of people attending while allowing for suitable distancing between members | *Venue selected for sufficient parking* |
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| **ON THE DAY** |  |  |  |
| Through close contact / meeting other people during the activity | Participants  Members of the public | Brief participants at the start to maintain 2 metre social distancing – this is everyone’s responsibility. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Remind anyone with symptoms to go home / those that are not able to agree to the self-declaration statement (Appendix C). | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Attendee numbers must not exceed relevant government guidance, and must be appropriate to the style of activity, experience of participants and location used. | *Sign-up sheet for each meet to maintain record, venue selected for ability to spread out.* |
| Brief participants what to do at any pinch points or road crossings to maintain social distancing. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Provide hand sanitiser, min 70% alcohol content / wipes on the day, and safe disposable bags for used wipes and gloves (gloves also need to be sanitised regularly) | *Participants advised to bring own sanitiser and mask to meet. Communicated in briefing document.* |
| Ensure you have a record of all those who took part. | *Sign-up via Google form required to join meet* |
| Through close contact with other people when dealing with incidents / accidents | Participants  Members of the public  Emergency services, including Mountain Rescue Teams | Advise the group to stay within their competency level, whether climbing, walking, scrambling or mountaineering to reduce the risk of incidents happening. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Advise members to use their own first aid kit for personal use where possible. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Availability of PPE which must be worn for first aid treatment; mask, apron, surgical gloves and safety glasses or goggles. | *Participants advised to bring own PPE. All PCC committee members present to carry spare gloves, mask and googles.* |
| Minimise those who need to carry out first aid, to minimise close contact with a casualty. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Carry additional bags to securely wrap any disposed/used first aid equipment and associated PPE used. | *All PCC committee members present to carry spare bags for disposal.* |
| Through touching gates, stiles, fences or equipment | Participants  Members of the public | Avoid touching gates and path furniture where possible. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Suggest participants use their own hand sanitiser and/or anti-bacterial wipes and use regularly. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Advise participants to only use their own equipment | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Advise participants not to share food and drink. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Through touching climbing equipment | Participants  Climbing partner | Avoid sharing of climbing equipment – require all participants to provide, or arrange their own harnesses, helmets, belay devices etc. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Inform participants of the potential risks associated with touching shared climbing hardware– protection and quickdraws – while on a route and recommend a regime of using hand sanitiser (or anti-bacterial wipes) before and after each route. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| Inform participants of the risks associated with putting gear in the mouth whilst placing gear / clipping ropes. | *Communicated in briefing document* |
| **AFTER THE EVENT** | |  |  |
|  | Participants | Remind participants that should they present any COVID-19 symptoms, or become symptomatic, after the activity that it is essential for them to report this to the NHS Test & Trace service. Ask them to inform yourself as well | *Communicated in briefing document.* |
| Keep a record of everyone taking part (names and contact details) in case this is needed for contact tracing. You must keep this record securely and delete or destroy it after 21 days | *Sign-up via Google form required to join meet to provide a permanent record* |