

## **Pinnacle Club Health and Safety Policy**

The Pinnacle Club endorses the British Mountaineering Council's Participation Statement and all members should have regard to this statement and make their guests aware, when participating in club activities.

*"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."*

This Health and Safety Policy is intended to mitigate the inherent risks as far as is reasonably practical

In general the Club has a duty of care to and between its members and all persons attending a club meet. All those participating in club meets and especially club members should have regard to their own and others safety.

In order to promote the safety of all participants on club meets a number of strategies have been adopted by the club.

The club is only open for membership to those women who prove themselves to be safe and competent to lead traditionally protected climbs. A procedure has been developed to ensure, as far as possible, that each prospective member is safe and competent before becoming a member (See Club Rule 6)

Any woman asking to attend a meet is initially assessed by the membership secretary and directed to a relevant training programme or other activity if she lacks the necessary experience. On meets the prospective member is paired with a member who assesses her competence and if appropriate supports the prospective member's application for membership in accordance with Club Rule 6.

Members who bring guests on meets must accept that they are responsible for their guest and will climb with them.

Where meets involve more specialist climbing, for example on sea cliffs, this will be clearly noted in the meets list.

Each meet has a named co-ordinator who is responsible for ensuring prospective members are paired with suitable members and that the ICE (In Case of Emergency) Form is completed by all who are attending. The co-ordinator should be aware of where members are intending to climb and the approximate time they are expected to return.

All members and prospective members have third party insurance provided through the British Mountaineering Council.

The Pinnacle Club has a separate Child Safety Policy which can be found in the handbook.