



Lambton Outdoor Club

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Statement of Intent

Lambton Outdoor Club (LOC) is committed to the promotion of safety in all aspects of its activities.

Policy

In order to promote safety in club activities, the LOC may:

- Publish relevant safety advice from time to time in the newsletter.
- Distribute “good practice” guidelines to coordinators and participants.
- Monitor compliance with the safety procedures and review reports of accident or injuries incurred during club activities.
- Encourage members to undertake training in 1st Aid and /or any other courses related to safety.

Procedures:

Trip Coordinators

- Shall communicate to members the nature of the activity, the anticipated duration and the expected degree of difficulty, together with any known hazards.
- Have the right to turn away anyone from an activity if they think that person is putting themselves and others at risk by participating.
- Have the right to change the route due to dangers and hazards.
- Have the right to cancel the activity due to unacceptable risks.
- Shall ensure all participants sign an attendance sheet for each activity or event and provide emergency contact telephone number (911 is not acceptable).
- Ensure that any non-member: read, understand and sign a Liability Release and Assumption of risk form.
- Have the right for determining requirements for safety, communication and navigation equipment appropriate to the activity in accordance with the guidelines.
- Have responsibility for ensuring that every accident or injury incurred during the course of an activity or event is documented, using the report form located in each 1st Aid Kit, and submitted to the LOC council for review.

Members

- Must recognize that all outdoor activities involve a degree of risk and they shall accept personal responsibility for participation in the activities and acknowledge this responsibility by reading, understanding and signing the Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Form as a condition of membership.
- Are responsible for ensuring that they have the necessary skills and ability to participate in an activity relative to the nature of the activity, anticipated duration and expected degree of difficulty.



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- Are responsible for communicating any medical conditions to the trip coordinator, which may affect their ability to safely complete the activity.
- While participating in club events, members will conduct themselves in a manner, which promotes safety and avoids reckless or intentional endangerment to themselves or others.

LOC Council

- Establishes risk management policies and guidelines.
- Reviews policies, guidelines and Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Forms periodically.
- Receives and reviews reports of accidents or injuries incurred during the course of any LOC activity, and determines any changes to policies and guidelines resulting from the review.
- Receives, reviews and acts upon suggestions, reports or complaints from members and or third parties in regards to matters affecting safety or risk management.

Liability Release and Assumption of Risk (Attachment 9)

- Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Form, each member is required to read, understand and sign upon application for membership and annually upon renewal of membership.
- Each non-member taking part in an activity or event must read, understand and sign the Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Form prior to taking part in any LOC activity or event.
- All signed forms are retained indefinitely.