

## **Motion to update the Trip Leader Safety Document (MT06 TGM)**

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The Trip Leader Safety Document describes how the Walking Club runs Club Trips (Weekend Trips and Minibus Day Trips), gives leader requirements for Club Trips and sets out the responsibilities of leaders on Club Trips. It has grown long, unwieldy and is unclear in places.

We propose to accept the attached rewritten Trip Leader Safety Document at this TGM. Except where mentioned below, none of the Club's policies have been changed. The aim has been to make the document more concise, clearer and readable. Hopefully this will encourage people to read it more fully, it will be easier to understand and it will be clearer to refer to.

The following policies have been changed or significant additions made:

- **Trip Leader Trip** – The trip organizer (i.e. the person who books accommodation) is responsible for registering the trip.
- **Level 2 “Club Leader” course** – These can now be run by any qualified individual (Mountain Instructor Award or Mountain Instructor Certificate holder), rather than just the former Area Safety Officer for Sport. We want to encourage people how can't commit to a longer Mountain Leader or Walking Group Leader to take these courses.
- **Participation Statements** – The Trip and Safety Coordinator tells the PTL where to leave them. This is formalising what effectively happens now.
- **Number of Trip Leaders** – Emphasise that the required number of leaders depends on the terrain and not on whether the trip is a Minibus Day Trip or a Weekend Trip. This is not a change of policy, but had been made clearer.
- **Under 18s Policy** – This has been made consistent with discussions on Committee in Hilary Term 2006. We have also referred to the new BMC guide for parents “Young People Climbing, Hill Walking, Mountaineering: A Parent's Guide”.
- **Scrambling** – More details of what scrambling, and different scrambling grades, involve.
- **Vacation Trips** – These may now be set up during the vacation by the Vacation Schedule Coordinator with the approval of the Committee. This is to increase flexibility and make them consistent with term time trips.

If you have any questions about this proposal before the TGM, please contact Christopher, the Trip and Safety Coordinator ([trip.safety@ouwc.org](mailto:trip.safety@ouwc.org)).